



# General Assembly

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Agenda item 62

### Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

## Question of Western Sahara

### Requests for hearing\*

Further to the requests to petition the Committee on the question of Western Sahara ([A/C.4/72/7](#)), approved at the Committee's 2nd meeting, on 2 October 2017, the following petitioners were heard:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name and title</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Date request received</i>	<i>Meeting/ date petitioner heard</i>
1.	Gallous Asong Atabongwoung, Chairperson	Africa Solidarity for Sahrawi	29 August 2017	Did not address the Committee
2.	Andrew Rosemarine, Head	International Law Chambers	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
3.	Hakim Gherieb, Doctor of Political Science and International Relations	École nationale supérieure de sciences politiques, Algiers	29 August 2017	Did not address the Committee
4.	Suzanne Scholte, Chair	US-Western Sahara Foundation	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
5.	Chadwick Gore, member of the Board of Directors	Defense Forum Foundation	29 August 2017	Did not address the Committee
6.	Brian Jamison, international sales	Gibraltar Products	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
7.	Kamal Bazaid, journalist and human rights activist	Projektgruppe Westsahara	29 August 2017	5th/5 October 2017

\* Circulated in accordance with a decision taken by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 28 September 2017. The original requests are on file with the Secretariat and are available for review.



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8.	Zeiny Ali Taleb, Director	Youth for Youth Development	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
9.	Anna Maria Stame, President	Centrist Democratic International Women	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
10.	Mulay Ahmed, Assistant Director	Sahrawi Association USA	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
11.	Cynthia Basinet, Nobel Peace Prize-nominated entertainer and humanitarian	–	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
12.	Katlyn Thomas, attorney	Katlyn Thomas PC	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
13.	Janet Lenz, founder	Not Forgotten International	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
14.	Belgacem Tahchi	University Ziane Achour of Djelfa	29 August 2017	Did not address the Committee
15.	Isabel Tavares Lourenço, human rights activist and member	Fundación Sahara Occidental	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
16.	Olfa Ouled, lawyer	Ouled Azaiez Ouled Olfa law firm	29 August 2017	4th/4 October 2017
17.	Grace Njapau	–	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
18.	Windsor Smith, student representative	The Potomac School	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
19.	Tanya Warburg, Director	Freedom For All	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
20.	Sidi Ahmed Abdala Mohamed Fadel, trustee	Adala UK	5 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
21.	Samuel Paciencia, researcher	Youth Movement	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
22.	Aleksandar Cuic, attorney/partner	Robert Brown LLC	5 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
23.	Jane Bahaijoub	Family Protection	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
24.	Karen Hardin, President	Priority PR Group	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
25.	Sherry Erb, administrator	Oasis Teaching Ministries, Inc.	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
26.	Carroll Eads, prayer captain	Capitol Hill Prayer Partners	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
27.	Nancy Huff, President	Teach the Children International	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
28.	Jonathan Huff, President	Safety and Security Instructional Services	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017

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29.	Donna Sams	Antioch Church	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
30.	Mohamed Ali Arkoukou	Human rights activist	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
31.	Navjot Kaur, Chief of Staff	Young Progressives of America	5 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
32.	Ahmed Mohamed Fall, Vice-Chair	Natural Resources Watch	5 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
33.	Maalainine Yara, Director	Western Sahara IT	5 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
34.	Ali Sahel, President	National Association for Youth Exchanges	5 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
35.	Sydney Solomon Assor, Chairman	Surrey Three Faiths Forum	5 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
36.	Ayachi Said, President	National Algerian Committee of Solidarity with the Saharawi People	5 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
37.	Rachid Tamek, President	Provincial Assembly of Assa-Zag	5 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
38.	Nguyen Manh Hung, Associate Professor, Director-General	Institute for Africa and Middle East Studies, Hanoi	6 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
39.	Gale Sherrill, Associate Minister	Common Ground Ministries	6 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
40.	Neveen Abuelula	Department of Transnational Studies, Westminster College	6 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
41.	Ihadadene Malika, Chief of Cabinet	UNFA	6 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
42.	Stefano Vaccari, Senator	Italian Parliamentary Intergroup of Solidarity with the Saharawi People	6 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
43.	Hussein Attara, security analyst	—	6 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
44.	Debeche Smail, Professor	University of Algiers	6 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
45.	Naama Sghayer	Together for Free Western Sahara	7 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
46.	Masska Mohamed	Referendum Now	7 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
47.	Karim Mustapha Barkat	Algerian-American Association	7 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017

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48.	Mariame Kamal, Chair	Americans for Free Western Sahara	7 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
49.	Guido Roa, co-founder	Going Organic Western Sahara	7 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
50.	Erik Jensen, former head of Mission/Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara, 1993-1998	–	7 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
51.	Nykaky Lygeros	–	7 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
52.	Mahjouba Daoudi, President	Sahara Media Center	7 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
53.	El Hadji Haidara, President	Fédération mondiale des amis du Sahara marocain	8 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
54.	Hammada El Baihi, founding member	Forum social pour le développement humain de Laâyoune	8 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
55.	Alessio Postiglione, journalist	–	11 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
56.	David Lippiatt, President/CEO	WE International Inc.	11 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
57.	Massimiliano Boccolini, journalist	Italian Centre for the Middle East (CIPMO)	11 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
58.	Vanessa Ramos, President	American Association of Jurists	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
59.	Silvia Boaventura	Justice for Western Sahara	13 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
60.	Yahfudu Benabdelayachi Heiba, member	Chambre des pêches maritimes de l'Atlantique sud	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
61.	Alessio Biagioli, Mayor	Township of Calenzano, Italy	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
62.	Fala Bossoula, President	Association Femme	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
63.	William Durand, founder	Long Islander with Free Western Sahara	13 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
64.	Kelvin Concepcion, Chair	American Dominican Association	13 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
65.	Pedro Pinto Leite, Secretary	International Platform of Jurists for East Timor	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
66.	Manuel Vidal, academic researcher	University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	13 September 2017	Did not address the Committee

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67.	Gonzalo Sánchez Álvarez-Castellanos, photographer and graphic designer	Fennec Design	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
68.	Daniel Romero, journalist	Totalnews Agency, Argentina	13 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
69.	Mohammad Ziyad Al-Jabari, President	Palestinian-Moroccan Friendship Society	14 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
70.	Oscar Ortiz, Vice-President	Fundación Clotario Blest	14 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
71.	El Mamia Hammi, member, acteur associatif	Association liberté et fraternité	14 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
72.	Shaibata Mrabih Rabou, President	Association Amis de Tarfaya	14 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
73.	José María Gil Garre, Co-Director	International Security Observatory	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
74.	Pablo Javier Zardini, Director of Financial and International Cooperation Consulting	Carlos Rios and Associates, Argentina	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
75.	Martha Chávez Cossío	–	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
76.	Eric Cameron, President	World Action for Refugees	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
77.	André Grimblatt Hinzpeter, Academic Vice-President	Centro de Estudios del Magreb para las Américas	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
78.	Hormat Allah Sidi Ahmed, President	Association marocaine pour le développement d'Oued Eddahab	15 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
79.	Cissoko Diango, former Prime Minister of Mali	–	18 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
80.	Ferat Ahmed Baba Dih, Adjunct Instructor	New York University	18 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
81.	Zine El Aabidine El Ouali, President	Association 9 mars	18 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
82.	Jean-Paul Lecoq, Member	National Assembly, France	18 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
83.	Nasiru Musa-Yauri, Professor	Usmanu Danfodiyo University	18 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
84.	Ahmed Boukhari, Representative	Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro	20 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
85.	Ángel Armando Sánchez Dueñas	Federation of Journalists of Peru	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee

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86.	Elaine Obenshain, Vice-President	American Moroccan Alliance	20 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
87.	Mohamed Razama, Mayor	Commune urbaine d'El Marsa	20 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
88.	Ingrid Metton, Attorney	Metton Avocats	20 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
89.	Fatimetu Jatri Emhamed	Sahrawi Student Union	20 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
90.	Nazario Jap Dos Santos, Spokesperson	Friends Solidarity of West Sahara in Timor-Leste	20 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
91.	Zineb Abdelkafar	Algerian Forum of the Solidarity with Western Sahara People	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
92.	Atika Boutaleb, lawyer	Human rights organization	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
93.	Fatima Nouiaouat, teacher	United Federation of Teachers	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
94.	Neyla Sassi, child psychologist	Child Care Union	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
95.	Salima Hantour, Executive	–	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
96.	Kim Guest, President	Artist For Kids Rights	20 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
97.	Fatiha Chabouni	–	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
98.	Toufik Ayoub	Human rights organization	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
99.	Chris Sassi, President	–	20 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
100.	Chouiki Hadjahmed	Rights to Learn	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
101.	Azzedine Layachi, Professor	St. John's University	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
102.	Taha Merghoub	Children's Hospital	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
103.	Fouad Boujedra	–	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
104.	Gary Wagener	Wagener Foundation	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
105.	Steve Sibili	–	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
106.	Rachel Lubell, manager	–	20 September 2017	Did not address the Committee

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107.	Richard José Vargas Osorio	Observatorio de la Democracia	20 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
108.	Mhamed Abba Leknaki, Vice-President	Laâyoune-Sakia El Hamra region	20 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
109.	Juan Carlos Moraga Duque, Executive Director	Rehabilitación y Esperanza	21 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
110.	Abd Erahman Mohamed, Coordinator	Libertad y Paz	21 September 2017	5th/5 October 2017
111.	Ahmed Lakhrif, Deputy	House of Counsellors, Morocco	21 September 2017	4th/4 October 2017
112.	Boujemaa Kharraja	Forum associative/Journalisme	21 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
113.	Latifa Aït-Baala, Chairperson	EUROMED-CDC	21 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
114.	Hassan El Bouharrouti, President	Freemedia International	21 September 2017	Did not address the Committee
115.	Clara Riveros, political scientist	CPLATAM Observatory	21 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
116.	Nagla Mohamedlamin Salam, United States representative	NOVA (Western Sahara)	21 September 2017	7th/6 October 2017
117.	Reza Afshar, Policy Director	Independent Diplomat	21 September 2017	Did not address the Committee