



# Security Council

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## 3956<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Thursday, 17 December 1998, 3.15 p.m.  
New York

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<i>President:</i>	Mr. Buallay . . . . .	(Bahrain)
<i>Members:</i>	Brazil . . . . .	Mr. Amorim
	China . . . . .	Mr. Liu Jieyi
	Costa Rica . . . . .	Mr. Niehaus
	France . . . . .	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon . . . . .	Mr. Essonghé
	Gambia . . . . .	Mr. Jagne
	Japan . . . . .	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya . . . . .	Mr. Mahugu
	Portugal . . . . .	Mr. Soares
	Russian Federation . . . . .	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia . . . . .	Mr. Türk
	Sweden . . . . .	Mr. Lidén
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . . .	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America . . . . .	Mr. Burleigh

## Agenda

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)

*The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.*

### **Adoption of the agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

### **The situation concerning Western Sahara**

#### **Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/1160)**

**The President** (*interpretation from Arabic*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara, document S/1998/1160.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1998/1183, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following other documents: S/1998/1031, letter dated 3 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; S/1998/1142, letter dated 24 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council;

and S/1998/1169, letter dated 15 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

Members of the Council have received photocopies of a letter dated 17 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, which will be issued as document S/1998/1184.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1998/1183) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

*A vote was taken by show of hands.*

*In favour:*

Bahrain, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, France, Gabon, Gambia, Japan, Kenya, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

**The President** (*interpretation from Arabic*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1215 (1998).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

*The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.*