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Dear Mr Per Stig Moller,

Please find attached:

PEACE AND SECURITY COUNCIL

496TH MEETING

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION ON THE

EVOLUTION OF THE PEACE PROCESS IN WESTERN SAHARA AND

OTHER RELATED ISSUES (ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA 27 MARCH 2015)

Regards,

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Western Sahara (VESTSAHARA)

Africa's last colony

In 1963, the United Nations (UN) included Western Sahara in the list of countries to be decolonized and asserted the right of the Saharawi people to self-determination. In 1966 the UN, for the first time, passed a resolution calling for this self-determination to be exercised by a referendum. On 31 October 1975, Morocco and Mauritania invaded Western Sahara as Spain (the former colonial power) looked on. The Saharawi people were expelled from their homes by force, including the use of napalm. In 1991 the United Nations brokered a ceasefire and agreed to organize a referendum in which the Saharawi people could vote on the future of Western Sahara. Morocco still refuses to allow UN sponsored referendum to take place.