

Procedure file

Basic information	
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Council recommendation on the Western Sahara	
Subject 6.10.04 Third-country political situation, local and regional conflicts	
Geographical area Western Sahara	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		21/10/1997
		PSE MENDILUCE PEREIRO José María	

Key events			
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25/02/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
25/02/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0066/1998	
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Council recommendation on the Western Sahara

The Committee adopted Mr MENDILUCE's recommendation, (chairman of this committee) under the CFSP, on the Western Sahara. The committee recommends that the Council: -take note of Parliament's concern that the EU should firmly support the full application of the peace plan drawn up and adopted in UN Security Council resolutions 658 and 691, the agreements which have revived it and the holding of the planned referendum, the preparations for which should ensure conditions of equal opportunity for both sides and security for voters; -draw up a common position reaffirming the EU's full support for the peace plan and all its intermediary stages (identification of voters, quartering of troops, exchange of prisoners, release of political detainees and 'disappeared persons', repatriation of refugees, organization of the electoral campaign, etc.), as well as playing an active part in the holding of a free and transparent referendum on self-determination on the scheduled date; -provide the necessary humanitarian aid, both through the UN and its specialized agencies and through other organisations active in the region, so as to assist with the proper resettlement of the Saharan people in the disputed zone and, in general, to organize EU participation in the tasks of MINURSO (the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara) by providing funds, observers and, if necessary, personnel and equipment; -draw up a programme for future and ongoing cooperation with a view to the integrated and sustainable development of the Western Sahara. After their adoption by the Committee, recommendations drawn up under the CFSP are entered on the agenda for Parliament's next part-session. They are deemed to have been adopted unless at least one tenth of MEPs object, in which case they are put to the vote in plenary.?

Council recommendation on the Western Sahara

In adopting the recommendation by Mr José Maria MENDILUCE PEREIRO (PSE, E) on Western Sahara, tabled in the context of the CFSP (Rule 92), Parliament called on the Council: -to take note of Parliament's concern that the EU should firmly support the full application of the United Nations peace plan and that the referendum on self-determination should be held in such a way as to ensure conditions of equal opportunity for both sides and security for voters; -to draw up a common position reaffirming the EU's full support for the peace plan and all its intermediary stages (identification of voters, quartering of troops, exchange of prisoners, release of political detainees and 'disappeared persons', repatriation of refugees, organization of the electoral campaign, etc.), as well as playing an active part in the holding of a free and transparent referendum on self-determination on the scheduled date and contributing to ensuring that both sides observe their undertakings; -to provide the necessary humanitarian aid, both through the UN and its specialized agencies (particularly the UNHCR) and other organizations active in the region so as to assist with the proper resettlement of the Saharan people in the disputed zone and, generally, organize EU participation in the tasks of MINURSO (United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara); -to draw up a programme for future long-term cooperation with a view to full and sustainable development of Western Sahara. ?