



PRESS RELEASE

The Collective of Sahara Human Rights Defenders – **CODESA** is proud to announce the successful conclusion of the signatories' campaign to the urgent appeal calling for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to deploy a permanent mission to Western Sahara for the protection of Saharawi civilians.

The campaign started on **20 January 2021** collecting signatures on the appeal below from Parliamentarians, NGOs, international figures, political parties, trade unions, women and youth organization, and global civil society groups. The campaign concluded on **15 February 2021** as planned.

The appeal received wide international support, as we have received signatures from **150 Parliamentarians** from the **European Parliament, UK Parliament, French Parliament, Spanish Parliament, Swedish Parliament, Swiss Parliament** and the **Mauritanian Parliament**.

The Appeal was also signed by **177 organizations** from **41 countries** around the world representing all continents including international civil society groups, institutes, trade unions and political parties.

This humanitarian appeal is also supported by international figures and personalities including but not limited to the philosopher, cognitive scientist and historian Professor **Noam Chomsky**, the former leader of the British labour party MP. **Jeremy Corbyn**, the Seoul Peace Prize Laureate **Suzanne Scholte**, the leader of the Tunisian labour Party and presidential candidate **Hamma Hammami**, writer and Professor **Stephen Zunes**, the leader of the solidarity with both the Saharawi and Palestinian peoples **Pierre Galland**, the Palestinian writer **Rasim Abeidat**, the former Palestinian captive **Abeer Abu Khdeir** and many more can be found in the lists below.

Please find below the list of signatories per category ranked in alphabetic sequence.

We have also asked the spokesperson of the ICRC HQ in Geneva for comments on the appeal and the non-presence in Western Sahara and we are still waiting for their reply which will be made public once received.

17th February 2021 – Al-Aaiun / Occupied Western Sahara
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List of signing International figures:

seq. num	NGO name	description	country
1	Abeer Abu Khdeir	Palestinian former captive	Palestine
2	Anna Livingstone	Doctor, vice-chair Tower Hamlets - British Medical Association	UK
3	Hamma El Hammami	The leader Tunisian labour Party and presidential candidate	Tnisia
4	Jack Czauderna	Doctor	UK
5	Jackie Applebee	Doctor, GP and Chair of Doctors in Unite	UK
6	Jeremy Corbyn	Former leader of the British labour party and member of British Parliament	UK
7	Kambiz Boomla	Doctor, easurer Tower Hamlets - British Medical Association	UK
8	Katlyn Thomas	Former Official in Charge of Legal Affairs, MINURSO	
9	Marie-George Buffet	French ex-minister	France
10	Mary Logan	member of North East London Save Our NHS	UK
11	Noam Chomsky	philosopher, cognitive scientist and historian. Professor (emeritus) MIT, Professor University of Arizona	USA
12	Pierre Galland	Icon of solidarity movement with Saharawi and Palestinian peoples	Belgium
13	Rasim Abeidat	writer and Political analyst	Palestine
14	Steven Zunes	Writer and Professor at university of San Francisco	USA
15	Suzanne Scholte	Seoul Peace Prize Laureate	USA
16	Yair Wallach	Senior Lecturer - SOAS University of London	UK



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List of signing Parliamentarians:

seq. n°	Full Name	Parliament	Nationality	المجموعة السياسية أو الحزب / Political Group/party
1	Alain Bruneel	French Parliament	France	communist party
2	Andreas Schieder	European Parliament	Austria	S&D
3	Antón Gómez-Reino	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
4	Antonia Jover Diaz	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos
5	Ben Lake	UK Parliament	UK	Plaid Cymru
6	Carles Mulet Garcia	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Coalició Compromís
7	Clare DALY	European Parliament	Ireland	GUE/NGL
8	Diana RIBA I GINE	European Parliament	Spain	Greens/EFA
9	Dietmar KOSTER	European Parliament	Germany	S&D
10	Elisabeth Falkhaven	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	Green Party
11	Enrique Santiago Romero	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
12	Ernest Urtasun	European Parliament	Spain	Greens/EFA
13	Fabian Molina	Swiss Parliament	Switzerland	
14	Gerardo Pisarello Prados	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
15	Giuliano PISAPIA	European Parliament	Italy	S&D
16	Gorka Elejabarrieta	Spanish Parliament	Spain	EH Bildu
17	Håkan Svenneling	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	Left Party
18	Hannah NEUMANN	European Parliament	Germany	Greens/EFA
19	Heidi Hautala	European Parliament	Finland	Greens/EFA
20	Idoia VILLANUEVA RUIZ	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
21	Ivan Stefanec	European Parliament	Slovakia	EPP
22	Jean-Paul Lecoq	French Parliament	France	French Communist Party
23	Jens Holm	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	Left Party
24	Jeremy Corbyn	UK Parliament	UK	Labour Party
25	Joachim Schuster	European Parliament	Germany	S&D
26	Joan Josep Nuet i Pujals	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Republicano
27	João Ferreira	European Parliament	Portugal	GUE/NGL
28	Johan Büser	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	socialdemocratic Party
29	Jon Iñarritu	Spanish Parliament	Spain	EH Bildu
30	Jordi SOLÉ	European Parliament	Spain	Greens/EFA
31	José GUSMÃO	European Parliament	Portugal	GUE/NGL



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32	Josune Gorospe Elezkano	Spanish Parliament	Spain	EAJ-PNV
33	Kadiata Malick Diallo	Mauritanian Parliament	Mauritania	l'Union des Forces de Progrès (UFP)
34	Lotta Johnsson Fornarve	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	Left Party
35	Lucía Muñoz Dalda	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
36	Manu Pineda	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
37	Maria Eugenia RODRÍGUEZ PALOP	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
38	María Gloria Elizo Serrano	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
39	María Márquez Guerrero	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos
40	Marie-George Buffet	French Parliament	France	French Communist Party
41	Marisa MATIAS	European Parliament	Portugal	GUE/NGL
42	Marta Rosique i Saltor	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Esquerra Republicana
43	Mick WALLACE	European Parliament	Ireland	GUE/NGL
44	Miguel URBAN CRESPO	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
45	Nikolaj VILLUMSEN	European Parliament	Denmark	GUE/NGL
46	Parliamentarian group of EH Bildu (5MPs)	Spanish Parliament	Spain	EH Bildu
47	Parliamentarian group of Esquerra Republicana (13 MPs)	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Esquerra Republicana
48	Pedro Antonio Honrubia Hurtado	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos
49	Pernando BARRENA ARZA	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
50	Rafael Mayoral Perales	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
51	Roberto Uriarte Torrealday	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
52	Rosa D'AMATO	European Parliament	Italy	Greens/EFA
53	Roser Maestro Moliner	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos-En Comú Podem
54	Salim Yenbou	European Parliament	France	Greens/EFA
55	Sandra Pereira	European Parliament	Portugal	GUE/NGL
56	Sira REGO	European Parliament	Spain	GUE/NGL
57	Sofía Fernández Castañón	Spanish Parliament	Spain	Unidas Podemos
58	Thomas Hammarberg	Swedish Parliament	Sweden	Social Demokrat Party
59	Thomas WAITZ	European Parliament	Austria	Greens/EFA
60	Tineke Strik	European Parliament	Netherlands	Greens/EFA
61	Western Sahara Intergroup (more than 70 MEP)	European Parliament	EU	more than 70 MEPs



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seq. num	NGO name	country	Person signing
1	ACAT Maghreb	Maghreb	Elias Geoffroy
2	ACAT Nyonsais-Baronnies	France	Christine Poussiégue
3	ACAT Sélestat	France	Annie ITTY
4	ACAT Strasbourg	France	Béatrice et François Mangenot
5	Africa Hope and Development	Namibia	Mildred Jantjies
6	Al-Adala de València	Spain	Sarai Vicente Martínez
7	Al-Watad Socialist Party	Tunisia	Nouri Baltoum
8	Alouda Cantabria. Por un Sahara Libre	Spain	Natalia Correa Sañudo
9	ANARASD	Spain	Manuela
10	ARTICLE PREMIER Sud-Drôme Nord-Vaucluse	France	Colette Sénéclauze
11	Asociación Amigos Pueblo Saharai de Alcobendas y San Sebastián de los Reyes	Spain	
12	Asociación Americana de Juristas	South America	Vanessa Ramos
13	ASOCIACIÓN AMIGOS DEL PUEBLO SAHARAI DE LAS ISLAS BALEARES	Spain	Catalina Rossello
14	Asociación Culturale José Martí	Brazil	Maria Ivone S. Souza
15	Asociación de Amigos del Pueblo Saharai de Segovia (MAKSRA)	Spain	Javier Moratalla
16	Asociacion de Ciempozuelos con el pueblo Saharai "Gdeim Izik"	Spain	Telerín cantudo pelanas
17	ASOCIACIÓN DE VILLENA CON EL PUEBLO SAHARAI, DESIERTO LA HAMADA	Spain	
18	Asociación Ecuatoriana de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharai (AEAPS)	Ecuador	Pablo De La Vega
19	ASOCIACIÓN MADRASA CATALUNYA	Spain	
20	Asociación Rivas Sahel	Spain	Ana Pérez
21	Associació Acció Solidària Mediterrània	Spain	Anastasio Pulido Chozas
22	Associació Blanes Solidari	Spain	Anastasio Pulido Chozas
23	Associació d'amics del Sàhara de les Terres de Ponent	Spain	Sahara Ponent
24	Associació Juvenil Sàhara Dempeus	Spain	Núria Farré
25	ASSOCIATION CULTURE SAHARA OCIDENTAL	France	Hassan Mailid
26	Association de femmes Sahraoui en France - FSF	France	Laala iahadih abdi
27	Association de Solidarité avec le Peuple Marocain SLPM	France	
28	Association Sahara not for Sale	Belgium	Al-Ghadfa Mohamad Mahmoud
29	ASSOCIAZIONE KALAMA	Italy	
30	ATTAC Argentina	Argentina	María Elena Saludas
31	Australia Western Sahara Association - AWSA	Australia	Lyn Allison
32	BIRDSHO	Switzerland	Philippe EDDE
33	CANTABRIA POR EL SÁHARA	Spain	José Gabriel Herrería
34	Center for European and Eastern Culture (ZEOK)	Germany	Wolf-Dieter Seiwert
35	Centre for Muslim Youth In Peace and Development (AFRICAN)	Ghana	Umar Adamu
36	Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo SJ" (CSMM)	Ecuador	Pablo De La Vega
37	Centro de Documentación y Solidaridad con América Latina y África - CEDSALA	Spain	Isabel Varón
38	Coalition Tunisienne Contre la Peine de Mort	Tunisia	Chokri Latif
39	collectif local de Lanester de AARASD	France	Marie-Françoise GUILLAUME
40	Comité belge de soutien au peuple sahraoui	Belgium	Fabio Salvia



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41	Comité de Derechos Humanos de Base de Chiapas Digna Ochoa	Mexico	Luis Abarca
42	COMITE de JUMELAGE de GONFREVILLE L'ORCHER	France	Serge Le Bret
43	Comite National de Solidarité avec le Peuple Sahraoui (CNASPS)	Algeria	Dr. Saïd AYACHI
44	CON EL SÁHARA SIEMPRE	Spain	Martín Egurrola Menéndez
45	Confederación Intersindical	Spain	Jaume A. Tonda
46	Confederación Sindical de Comisiones Obreras de España	Spain	ALEJANDRA ORTEGA FUENTES
47	Coordinadora por la Paz, la Soberanía, la Integración y la No Injerencia (CPAZ)	Ecuador	Pablo De La Vega
48	Defense Forum Foundation	USA	Suzanne Scholte
49	Emmaus Stockholm	Sweden	Juan Obregón
50	Equality Association	Tunisia	Radia Al-Amdouni
51	EUCOCO	EU	Pierre Galand
52	European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights (ELDH)	Germany	Thomas Schmidt
53	Federació d'Associacions Catalanes Amigues del Poble Sahrauí - ACAPS	Spain	Albert Giralt
54	FEDERACION ANDALUZA DE ASOCIACIONES SOLIDARIAS CON EL SÁHARA, Fandas	Spain	Cristina Moya Rebolo
55	Federación de la Comunidad de Madrid de Asociaciones Solidarias con el Sáhara - FEMAS-Sáhara	Spain	Elena Díaz
56	FETESA: Festival Internacional de teatro escolar Sáhara-España	Spain	Gemma Ortells
57	FiSahara - Festival Internacional de Cine del Sahara	Spain	Sara Pujalte
58	FONGTIL - THE TIMOR-LESTE NGOs FORUM	TIMOR-LESTE	Daniel Santos do Carmo
59	Forum of women unions	Iraq	Kouria Rabah
60	Freiheit für die Westsahara e.V	Germany	Regina Dietzold
61	Fundación la Casa y el Mundo	Spain	Aranzazu Ezpeleta
62	Fundación Sahara Libre	Venezuela	Lirio Reyes
63	Global Aktion	Denmark	Birgitte Ringgaard Diget
64	Global Liberty Alliance	USA	Jason I. Poblete
65	Global March - MENA office	MENA	Ruba Odeh
66	HAK Association	TIMOR-LESTE	Sisto dos Santos
67	HAMMADA, Associació d'Amics del Poble Sahrauí	Spain	
68	Human Rights March, Women in Dialogue	Denmark	Bríta Bastogi
69	Institute of Studies on Development and International Cooperation - HEGOA	Spain	Maite Fernández-Villa
70	International Institute for Nonviolent Action - NOVACT	Spain	Lucille Maybon
71	International Platform of Jurists for East Timor	Portugal	Pedro Pinto Leite
72	Intersindical Valenciana	Spain	Vicent Maurí
73	Iraqi Democratic youth federation	Iraq	Teeba Saad
74	Jin Women Association	Lebanon	Busra Ali
75	Jordanian Democratic Youth League "Rashad"	Jordan	
76	Juventud Activa Saharaui	Spain	Fatimetu Zenan
77	Juventud Rebelde Colombia	Columbia	Cristian Hurtado
78	Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute - KSI	TIMOR-LESTE	Flavio Martins
79	Koordinadora Euskadi-Sahara "27 de Febrero"	Spain	Jose Esteban
80	Kvindernes Internationale Liga for Fred og Frihed	Denmark	Ida Harsløf



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81	L'Asociación 'Dah Sid-Ahmed' de Amigos/as del Pueblo Saharaui de Getafe	Spain	Luna Nieto
82	L'Asociación Interpueblos y el comite de Solidaridad con los Pueblos	Spain	Sergio Tamayo
83	L'Asociación Madrása Comunidad de Madrid	Spain	Jose A. Peñaranda
84	L'Association Culturelle Franco-Sahraouie - ACFS	France	Fatma Laaouissid
85	L'association de la communauté sahraouie en France - ACSF	France	Laaouissid Boujemaa
86	L'Association des amis de la RASD - AARASD	France	
87	L'association des Femmes Tunisiennes pour la Recherche sur le Développement	Tunisia	Nejma Aouadi
88	L'Association des Saharaouis en France	France	M'barek Ould mohamed
89	l'Associazione Yallah Ma'ana Arci	Italy	
90	L'ÉQUIPE DE COMMUNICATION SAHRAOUIE EN FRANCE	France	BOUGRAIMEZ TAYEB MBARK
91	L'Hospitalet amb el Sahara	Spain	Luisa García
92	La ASOCIACION AMIGOS DEL PUEBLO SAHARAUI "GUELTA"	Spain	Aurori Bernal
93	La Asociación Dajla Solidarios con el Pueblo Saharaui de L'Alacantí i L'Alcoià	Spain	Ainhoa Pérez
94	LA ASOCIACIÓN DE AMIGOS DEL PUEBLO SAHARAUI DE COLMENAR VIEJO - AAPSCV	Spain	Ainhoa Carretero Mira
95	la Asociación de Amigos del pueblo Saharaui de Madrid	Spain	David Jimenez
96	La Asociación de Amigos y Amigas de la R.A.S.D. de Bizkaia	Spain	Eduarne Ribas Eskibel
97	la Asociación de Solidaridad y Autodeterminación del Pueblo Saharaui (ASAARAU)	Brazil	Kathiely Santos
98	La asociación Jaima Verde	Spain	Adrián Vidal Conesa
99	La Asociación Malagueña de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharaui	Spain	Isabel González Cobo
100	la Associació Solidària Malgrat amb el Sàhara (ASMS)	Spain	
101	La Association Bjaoui de la communauté sahraouie dans les Pays de Loire	France	Saleh Mohamed Abdllahe
102	La Associazione cooperazione Salam	Italy	Simona Fernandez
103	La Confédération générale des travailleurs de Mauritanie CGTM	Mauritania	Abdallahi Mohamed - Nahhah
104	La Fundación Mundubat	Spain	Sarai Martin Ruiz
105	La Ligue italienne pour les droits des peuples	Italy	Luciano Ardesi
106	La Ligue Tunisienne Pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme(LTDH)	Tunisia	Jamel Msallem
107	Labour Party - Tunisia	Tunisia	Ali Jallouli
108	Le comité Action et Réflexion pour l'avenir du Sahara Occidental (CARASO)	France	Najem Sidi
109	Lebanees communist party	lebanon	Yana Al-Samarani
110	Left Alliance for National Democracy and Socialism - Jamaica LANDS	Jamaica	Christophe Simpson
111	Live and Freedom Party	Egypt	Fatima Abdullah
112	Maraisa Films	Venezuela	Manuela Blanco
113	marxistische linke	Germany	Leo Mayer
114	Mata Dalan Institute	TIMOR-LESTE	Estevanus Coli
115	MENA Solidarity Network	UK	Anne Alexander
116	Movimento pela Saúde dos Povos (MSP)	Brazil	Katia Cesa and Matheus Falcão
117	Movimiento Popular Nuestramérica - Frente Patria Grande	Argentina	Agostina Yael Betes
118	Movimiento por la Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo -MODEP	Columbia	Francis Hernando Moreno
119	National Revolutionary Democratic Youth Organization - Kifah	Tunisia	Hedi Jamel
120	Nigerian Movement for the Liberation of Western Sahara (NMLWS)	Nigeria	Dr. Dipo Fashina - Suleiman Pema



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122	Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara	Norway	Erik Hagen
123	NOVA Western Sahara	Western Sahara	Nguia Mohamed Allhou
124	Observatoire universitaire international du Sahara Occidental	Finland	Sébastien Boulay
125	Observatorio Galego para o Sáhara Occidental (O.G.S.O.)	Spain	Santiago Jiménez Gómez
126	ONG Sàhara Lliure Paterna	Spain	Dolores Ripoll Bonifacio
127	Organisation Contre la Torture en Tunisie	Tunisia	Chokri Latif
128	Organización Sahara Extremadura	Spain	
129	Organización saharai extremeña y Primavera solidaria de Llerena	Spain	Yudo Salma
130	Palestinian Committee for Peace and Solidarity	Palestine	Aqel Taqaz
131	Palestinian democratic women - NADA	Palestine	Khalidat Hussain
132	Pan Africanism Today	Africa	
133	Partido socialista revolucionario	Haiti	Marc-Arthur Fils-Aimé
134	Plataforma Valenciana de Solidaridad con el Pueblo Saharai	Spain	Lourdes Crespo Tarazón
135	Plateforme Haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif - PAPDA	Haiti	Camille Chalmers
136	Potere Al Popolo	Italy	Cosimo
137	Rafto Foundation for Human Rights	Norway	Ingrid Rosland
138	Red Arab rescue	Belgium	
139	Red Ciudadana Bolivia con el Sahara	Bolivia	
140	Red Madrileña de Apoyo a las Mujeres Saharais - REDMAMSA	Spain	Elvira Gonzalez
141	réseau FemWise-Africa	North Africa	Fatma Messaoud
142	Rubí Solidari - Catalunya	Spain	Josep M. Pijuan
143	ŠÀHARA HORTA	Spain	Manel Ebri Vidal
144	Sahel Foundation for Human Rights	Mauritania	Ibrahim Ramadan
145	Sahrawi association in USA - SAUSA	USA	Mohamed Ali Arkoukou
146	Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network	Palestine	Mohamed El-Khateeb
147	SANT CUGAT AMB EL POBLE SAHRAUI - SCAPS	Spain	Neus Bosch Sans
148	Sant Vicenç dels Horts amb el Sáhara	Spain	Jose Luis Ferrer
149	Schweizerisches Unterstützungskomitee für die Sahraouis - SUKS	Switzerland	Elisabeth Bäschlin
150	Sindicato CNT València	Spain	Héctor Sanchis Bas
151	Socialist Popular Alliance Party	Egypt	Mamdouh Habshi
152	SODEPAU-PAÍS VALENCIÀ	Spain	
153	SOL de PAZ Pachakuti	Spain	Marta Pérez Iglesias
154	Sport against violence	Iraq	Mohammed Sadiq
155	Stichting Zelfbeschikking West-Sahara	Netherlands	Frank Willems
156	Sudanese Communist party	Sudan	Fathi Elfadi
157	Swedish Western Sahara Committee	Sweden	Jan Strömdahl
158	TALHA XIRIVELLA	Spain	José Federico Murcia Pardo
159	terre des hommes	Switzerland	Sylvia Valentin
160	The Communist party	Finland	Juha Pekka Vaisanen



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162	the Socialist Revolutionary Workers' Party (SRWP)	South Africa	Jonis Ghedi Alasow
163	Tolosaldea Sahararekin G.K.E	Spain	Gregorio Eizagirre
164	Tunisian Women's Association for Research on Development - AFTURD	Tunisia	Nejma Aouadi
165	UFP	mauritania	Taleb Akhyar
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167	Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA	Australia	Kate Lee
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Urgent Call to ICRC

To the International committee of the **Red Cross**:

Armed conflict has resumed in Western Sahara, as the thirty-year-old United Nations-brokered ceasefire collapsed on 13th November 2020. This dramatic deterioration of the situation exposes the Saharawi people to further violations of human rights and international humanitarian law under the Moroccan occupation. More than ever, their fundamental rights to life, physical safety and personal security, in addition to the severe restriction of their basic rights and freedoms are threatened. Cases of arbitrary arrest, detention and threats against Sahrawi human rights defenders and voices of dissent against the occupying forces have increased in recent weeks across the territory.

Considering the legal status of **Western Sahara under international humanitarian law** and the fact that international observers, including the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, are continuously denied access to Western Sahara, the undersigned members of parliament and civil society organizations call upon the **International Committee for the Red Cross** to immediately deploy a humanitarian operation to Western Sahara, after **nearly two decades of absence**, in order to provide urgent protection to the Saharawi civilians and to ensure respect for international humanitarian law.

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