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the Eradication of Colonialism: accelerating action

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STATEMENT BY

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO



M. President,

I would like to convey my delegation's gratitude to the

and we are pleased to have you here.

and national unity. This reckless and irresponsible attitude by Algeria puts the whole Maghreb and Sahel regions at a great risk of the proliferation of terrorist and criminal groups and activities.

Mr. Chairman,

In order for the Committee to have a clear understanding of the evolution and the reasons of the deadlock in this regional dispute,

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Following the United Nations conclusion as the inapplicability of the
~~_____~~ confirmed in a number of Secretary General's

that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered. (Article 3 of the Charter of UN)

the calls made by the Security Council, the Kingdom of Morocco has undertaken an important effort supported nationally and internationally, that led to the submission to the United Nations, in April 2007, of an Autonomy Initiative, as a framework for a political, negotiated and final settlement.

It's worth mentioning that this proposal is considered as "serious and credible" by both the UN Secretary General and the Security

Council. It has generated a dynamic and was a turning point in the search for a political solution, since it is the sole basis of the current political process, held under the auspices of the Secretary General and his Personal Envoy.

Building on the dynamism created by the Moroccan Initiative, the

abandoned all previous unfruitful plans and called upon all the

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Unfortunately despite the positive momentum triggered by the

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The Security Council in its recent resolution 2152 unanimously adopted last April, confirmed the centrality of the political process as the only way to solve the Sahara issue, and reaffirmed the fundamental parameters that must guide this current process by calling upon the parties to continue negotiations on the basis of realism and a spirit of compromise. (Paragraph 4, Resolution 2152)

The resolution also reaffirmed the regional dimension of the dispute by calling, once again, the neighbouring states to become more involved and make a constructive contribution to the negotiation

of the Sahara issue

the Maghreb Arab Union and the Sahel region

It is important to highlight at the humanitarian dimension that the