

**Statement of the Frente POLISARIO (Western Sahara)
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Madam Chair,

Distinguished Representatives and Delegates of Member States,

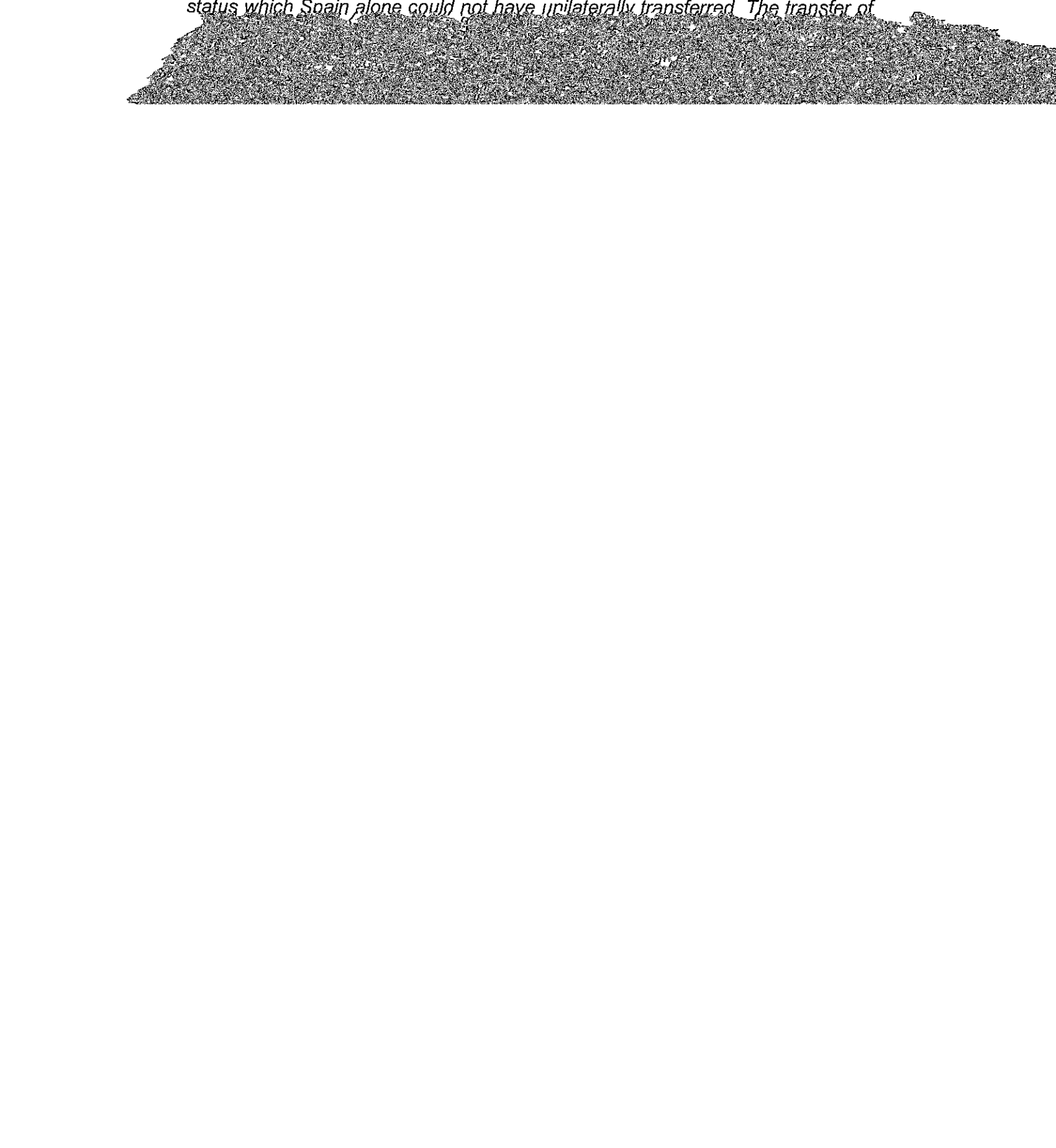
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you, Madam Chair, for the invitation. It is a pleasure to address the Special Committee here in the Commonwealth of Dominica on behalf of the Frente POLISARIO, the legitimate and the sole UN-recognised Representative of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of Western Sahara in line with

relevant General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions.

The reason for the delay in the decolonisation of Western Sahara, the last

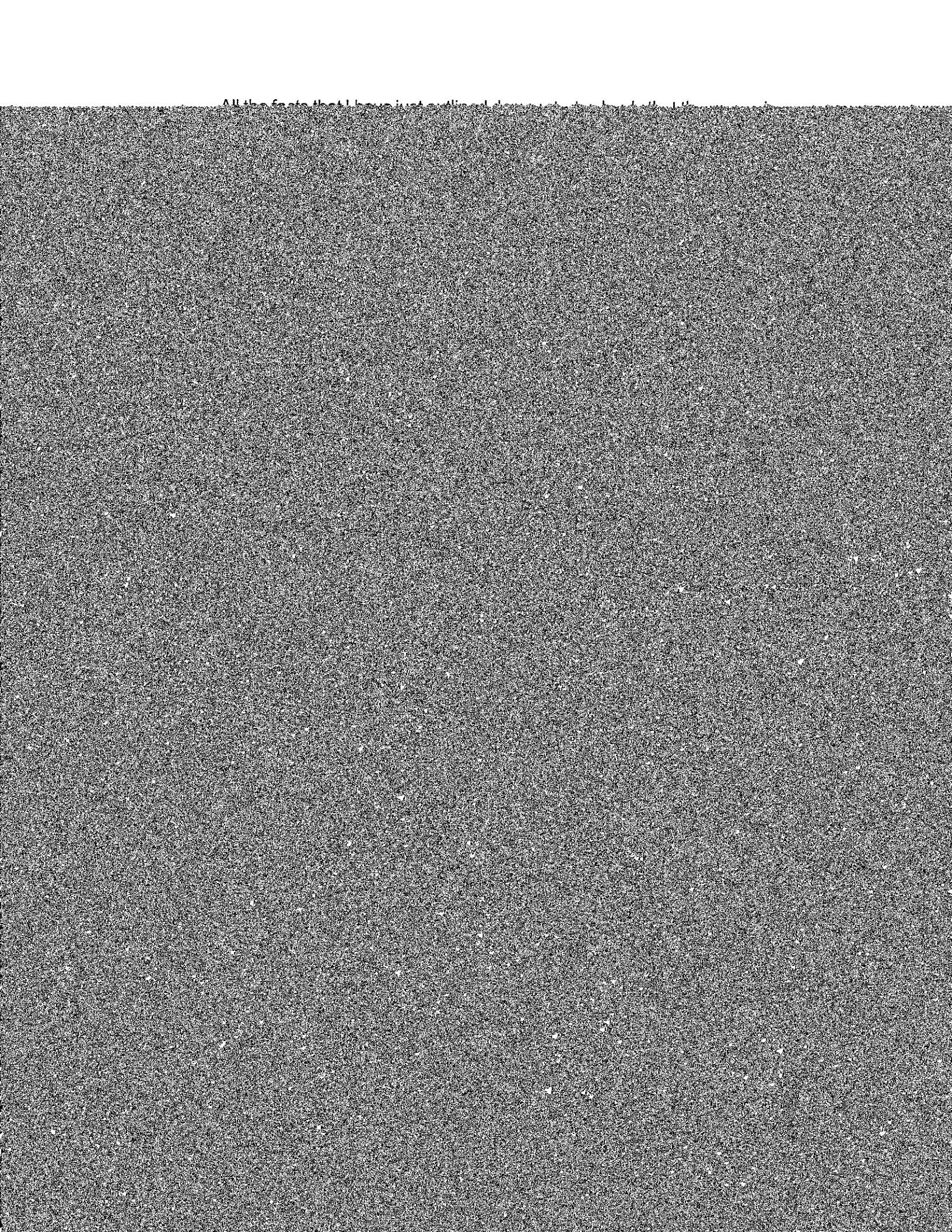
Council is also abundantly clear on this issue. The UN Legal Counsel established that *"The Madrid Agreement did not transfer sovereignty over the territory, nor did it confer upon any of the signatories the status of an administering Power—a status which Spain alone could not have unilaterally transferred. The transfer of*



opinion of its people, freely expressed by informed and democratic processes, as

Resolution 40/50 of 2 December 1985. After the acceptance by the Frente POLISARIO and Morocco of the UN-OAU Settlement Plan in August 1988, on 29 April 1991, the Security Council established, under its authority, the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) to

implement the plan and hold a referendum on the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.



with impunity, or does it defend the fundamental principles underpinning the existing international order, which enshrine peoples' right to self-determination

