



# General Assembly

Distr.: General  
30 September 2002

Original: English

---

**Fifty-seventh session  
Special Political and Decolonization Committee  
(Fourth Committee)**

Agenda item 19

**Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of  
Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**

## **Question of Western Sahara**

### **Request for hearing**

**Letter dated 15 September 2002 from Hilt Teuwen, Oxfam Solidarity (Belgium),  
addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee  
(Fourth Committee)\***

I would like to request to be allowed to make a statement on the question of Western Sahara on behalf of Oxfam Solidarity, a Belgian non-governmental organization working for cooperation and development, and on behalf of European non-governmental organizations working in the field of humanitarian aid for Sahrawi refugees.

*(Signed)* Hilt Teuwen

---

\* Circulated in accordance with a decision taken by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at its 2nd meeting, on 30 September 2002.