



Fourteenth session

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF QUESTIONS PROPOSED FOR INSCRIPTION IN THE AGENDA
OF THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION
PROPOSED BY MOROCCO

QUESTION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE SAHARA

Letter dated 13 August 1959 addressed to the Secretary-General by the
Acting Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the
United Nations

New York, 13 August 1959

The Acting Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate to him, upon instructions from his Government, the text of a note from the President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco concerning the request of His Majesty's Government for the inscription of the question of French nuclear tests in the Sahara in the agenda of the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly.

(Signed) M. WARZAZI
Acting Chargé d'Affaires
Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MOROCCO

With reference to the provisions of rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to request the inscription of the following item in the agenda of the fourteenth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly:

"Question of French Nuclear Tests in the Sahara"

An explanatory memorandum is attached hereto, in conformity with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

(Signed) Abdallah IBRAHIM
President of the Council and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since the French Government expressed its intention of conducting nuclear experiments in the Sahara the Government of His Majesty the King of Morocco has on several occasions drawn the attention of the responsible French authorities to the multiple dangers and grave consequences which such experiments are bound to entail.

Quite recently, following the French Government's official decision to explode an atomic bomb in the Sahara, as announced by the French Minister of Defence, the Moroccan Government again made representations by note verbale to France with a view to persuading it to abandon that project.

In view of the anxiety of the Moroccan population of the different parts of the southern Sahara which are exposed to the consequences of the experiments planned, and in view of France's refusal to pay heed to Morocco's warnings and of its rejection of the most recent Moroccan notes, His Majesty's Government, considering that it has exhausted all direct and peaceful means for the settlement of this problem as recommended in the Charter of the United Nations, has decided to put the question before the General Assembly in the hope that the latter will settle it in a manner consistent alike with the aspirations of the population of Morocco and the African continent, with considerations of security and with the requirements of the maintenance of international peace.
