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The Embassy of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union in Addis Ababa presents its compliments to African Union Office of Act Secretary General, CHPR, and has the honour to send the attached statement of **H.E. Mr Lamine BAALI**, Sahrawi Republic Ambassador, PRC, on the report of the **ACHPR,50-51** to be included in the annex of the Report.

"Mr Chairman

to Ethiopia

-Let me thank you for the manner in which you have been leading our deliberation, I would like also to thank the African Committee on the Human and peoples' right for presenting the report **50-51** under consideration .and congratulat the new president Mr Lumbu and and his vice president Maya .

-On the substamce of the report , you know very well that the Human rights is a fundental cornerstone in the AU consititutive act, and the Human right is part of what it means to be human. Human rights are not privileges but is a fundamental right.

-The Situation in the occuped territorries of Sahrawi Arab Democratic is deterioratiny day after day it is **very alarming** and in the more the international observers keept away from the territory by the Moroccan authority **as it is the case** the **atrocity will be deepen** and the systematic violation of human right and international human law will continue in the **complit abscense** of international scrutiney.

-The Saharwi human rights activists in particuar **are targeted**, **harassed** and **persecuted** because of their **political activisms** and their **defense** of our peopels right to **self-determination and independance**.

-We are extemely concerned by **the appaling situation** of all Sahrawi political prisoners, particulary the **Gdeim Izik Group**.

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-Under Article 45 and 58 of the African Charter Human and People's Right the Commission as part of its mandate has to promote and protect human and peoples' rights in Africa at large . therefore , the Commissionm is called urgently to implement the decisions of the AU , and to protect human right in the occuped territory of Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

-Our people in that part remains subject to various and often serious human right abuses and it is well documemnted by many Human Rigts organisations.

-Our people is debrived from its political, economic and culture rights, and the territory is sufering for the illegal exploitation of its natural resources by Morocco and some international campanies.

-Furthermore non adherance to the Charter of African Human and Peoples' right **do not deny** the responsibility to respect the AU consititute act Artile 3 (h) signed and reatifed and deposited without any **condition or reservation**.

-Allow me Mr Chairperson to refere to a vivid example highleted by AI is the case of a human right activist Sultana Khaya .

AI urged the Moroccan Government to "immediately end the brutal attacks against Sultana Khaya and her family and conduct a prompt, thorough, independent, impartial, transparent and effective investigation into the use of excessive force and attacks against her and her family, including the report of rape and sexual assault, and ensure that those suspected are brought to justice in a fair trial.

*Mr Chairman* my question is when the commission will fulfil the content of the various decisions regarding the fact funding mission to the territory ? that mission is vital and puting it on hold is not an option, but if the Commision has challenges or obstacle need to report back to this August house, we need to know what has happened, to non obidicane to the decision?

During last summit February 2021 a request was mad a gain to the Commission to undertake that fact funding mission.



## **Conclusion:**

Mr. Chairman allow me to ask the Commission to clarify few two points:

1-There is numerous decision of Executive Council on the fact finding mission to the Occupied territory of the Sahrawi Republic, what is the reason behind the non-execution? and the omission of this report to the long waited visit?

At a time when many decision has taken by our Union Reference EX.CL/Dec. ,496 ,887.864,758,995, 1113,775

2-on the (c) Cooperate with other African and international institutions concerned with the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights the report has not made any reference to such cooperation regarding the human right violation in the occupied territory of Sahrawi Republic.

3 We are equal to see our right be defended by our important institution ACHPR is it!

4-We send some letters to the commission (ACHPR)we did not received any reply?

5- Finally we urge the ACHPR to execute the AU decisions in relation to the fact funding mission to the territory occupied territory of Sahrawi Republic.

6-we ask the ACHPR to Nominate a Commissioner for the question of Sahrawi Republic.

Here I submit 24 January 2022 Addis Ababa

Sahrawi Republic Amb Lamine Baali, PRC." End of quotation

The Embassy of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Permanent Mission to the African Union in Addis Ababa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Secretary AUC, ACHPR the assurances of its highest consideration.

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