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The Pan-African Parliament,

SUPPORTING the long struggle waged by the people of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic to obtain its independence from Morocco;

NOTING that the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic is a full member of the AU;

RECALLING the opinion of the International Court of Justice in 1975, the OAU decision of 1984, the UN Security Council Resolution 1495, adopted in 2003, which recognizes the Saharawi people's right to self-determination, as asserted by the PAP [Resolution 0102/2006](#));

REGRETTING the non-application of the previous UN and OAU decisions on the decolonization of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic;

COMMENDING the decision taken in Havana in September 2006 by the Non-Aligned Movement on independence for the Saharawi people;

THEREFORE RECOMMENDS:

1. That AU develop a stronger partnership with the United Nations in order to monitor compliance with the various UN resolutions concerning independence for the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic;
2. That AU persuade Morocco to respect the Saharawi people's right to selfdetermination and political independence in order to pave the way for the peaceful settlement of the conflict;
3. That AU encourage the POLISARIO to continue using peaceful, rather than military means, in its struggle for independence;
4. That AU and the United Nations safeguard the territorial integrity, political independence and national unity of the Saharawi people in the occupied territory;
5. That AU and the United Nations take measures to resolve the humanitarian crisis affecting the Saharawi people in the occupied territory and protect their fundamental rights; and
6. That AU and the United Nations declare illegal, any economic activities conducted in the Saharawi Arab democratic Republic by international and Moroccan companies on the basis of agreements concluded with the Government of Morocco.