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Considering the Resolutions of the African Union, the UN General Assembly and the Security Council on Western Sahara recognising the inalienable right of the Saharawi people to self-determination to be exercised by means of a free, fair and transparent referendum;

Expressing its deep concern about the continuation of the illegal occupation of parts of the Saharawi Republic (SADR) by Morocco that continues to violate systematically the human rights of the population of the territory and to plunder their natural resources;

Underscoring the need of establishing a mechanism for the protection, monitoring and reporting on human rights in the occupied territories of the Saharawi Republic (SADR) and;

Calling for a number of practical steps and urgent solution towards the decolonisation of the Western Sahara;
The Pan-African Parliament,

Therefore recommends:

1. That the African Union use all the potentials to exert pressure on the Moroccan government to comply with international legitimacy and the application of a self-determination referendum;
2. To ensure the protection of Human rights by expanding the powers of the United Nations Mission in the region.
3. That the African Union develops an urgent strategy with other continental organisations and international communities specially with the Friends of the Saharawi Republic (SADR) in order to urgently resolve the colonisation in Western Sahara.