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I thank you Mr. President,
My name is Laila Fakhouri.

We calls on the Office of the High-Commissioner for Human Rights to swiftly implement ECOSOC’s resolution 2015/16 entitled “Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations”, which calls for the extension of all appropriate assistance to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

In recalling that Western Sahara is the only Non Self-Governing Territory that does not have an internationally recognised Administering Power, we stress here that the so-called regional offices of the South Provinces of the Moroccan CNDH are nothing, but a dependent political tool of an Occupying power.

We call on the European Union and its member States to implement the recommendations set forth in last year Study published by the Directorate-General for External Policies of the European Parliament, inter alia, in participating in the funding of a Programme of technical assistance and capacity building of the OHCHR for the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

The participation to the funding of any other UN Member State or Observer will be must welcome.

I thank you for your attention.