



Statement by the Permanent Mission
of the Kingdom of Morocco

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

Before

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

Item 53: Comprehensive review of Special Political Missions

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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor of delivering this statement on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement

At the outset, I would like to start by thanking the Under-Secretaries-Generals for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and for Field Support for their briefings on Special Political Missions. We thank the Secretariat for the information shared today and look forward to continue and deepen this dialogue in the near future, namely at the occasion of the Interactive dialogue.

NAM takes notes of the Secretary General's report on Special Political Missions and would like to acknowledge the need for coherence, synergies and complementarities in the implementation of the agreed recommendations emanating from the reviews of the United Nations peace and security architecture.

Given the fact that SPM's are usually mandated by the Security Council, the negotiations of the annual Resolution presented by Mexico and Finland are considered as an important opportunity for Member States to share their views on the subject matter.

Therefore, NAM regrets this missed opportunity, in particular since we were not consulted before the decision to limit ourselves to a technical roll-over this year was taken. We would have liked to assess for example how the A4P initiative is impacting the work of SPM's, or how to reinforce the Regional Offices.

Mr. Chairman, The Movement reemphasizes its commitment to support all efforts aiming at achieving the effectiveness of Special Political Missions, and wishes to reiterate the following seven points:

First: NAM stresses the importance of respecting the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all States, and recalls the primary role of the United Nations and the respective roles of the General Assembly and the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with the Charter, while reaffirming the principles of impartiality, consent of parties, national ownership and national responsibility.

Second: NAM stresses the importance for the Security Council and the General Assembly to draft clear and achievable mandates for field based Missions, based on an objective assessment. Indeed, the two bodies should ensure the adoption of achievable mandates, with sufficient political basis and matched by appropriate resources for all SPM's components. In this respect, NAM reiterates the need to seek measures to enable greater coherence between mandates and resources. Also, NAM believes that development of integrated planning and coordinated approaches to achieve the link between policy formulation and implementation on the ground are paramount to achieving success.

Third: NAM took note of the exponential increase in the financial requirements and complexity of Special Political Missions over the past decade and acknowledges their unique characteristics in terms of establishment and financing, since they do not follow the regular budget cycle of the United Nations, despite being funded by this budget. In order to enhance efficiency and transparency of the budgetary process of the Organization, and taking into account the characteristics of the approval, functioning, scope and mandate of these activities, NAM therefore reiterates its demand that Special Political Missions be financed through the same criteria, methodology and mechanisms used to fund peacekeeping operations, including the establishment of a new separate account for Special Political Missions.

Fourth: NAM calls upon the Secretary General to give further consideration to transparency, balanced geographical representation, and women representation when making appointments to senior leadership positions, particularly his special representatives and envoys as well as members of group of experts on sanctions.

Fifth: NAM attaches great importance to reaching consensus among member states on the development of policies related to Special Political Missions, and ensuring that only ideas and approaches that have been adopted by member states collectively would be implemented. In this regard, NAM stresses the primary role of the UN General Assembly, as the most representative body, to discuss the overall policy matters pertaining to Special Political Missions.

Sixth: NAM would like to welcome the holding, annually, of the interactive dialogue on overall policy matters related to Special Political Missions, with prior consultations with Member States. It is indeed a good opportunity to exchange on SPM's. By consulting in advance, we would ensure maximum and meaningful participation. Such dialogues could address some of the following specific issues that are of major concern to member states: how the relevant reforms, in particular the Peace and Security Architecture reform, would impact or could strengthen SPMs in all its mandated tasks, including in conflict prevention, sexual exploitation and abuse, regional offices, guard units or procedures for mandating a Special Political Missions.

Seventh: encourage the Secretary General to include the main points discussed during the interactive dialogue in his report on the overall policy matters related to Special Political Missions to be submitted at the 74nd session of the General Assembly.