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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE 24 ON DECOLONISATION
Seminar on Decolonisation

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Mr Chairman
Honourable Delegates
Distinguished participants

The Frente POLISARIO is grateful for the invitation addressed to us by the President of the Special Committee of the 24 on Decolonisation to participate in the seminars organised every year. It gives us special pleasure that this time the seminar takes place in Quito.

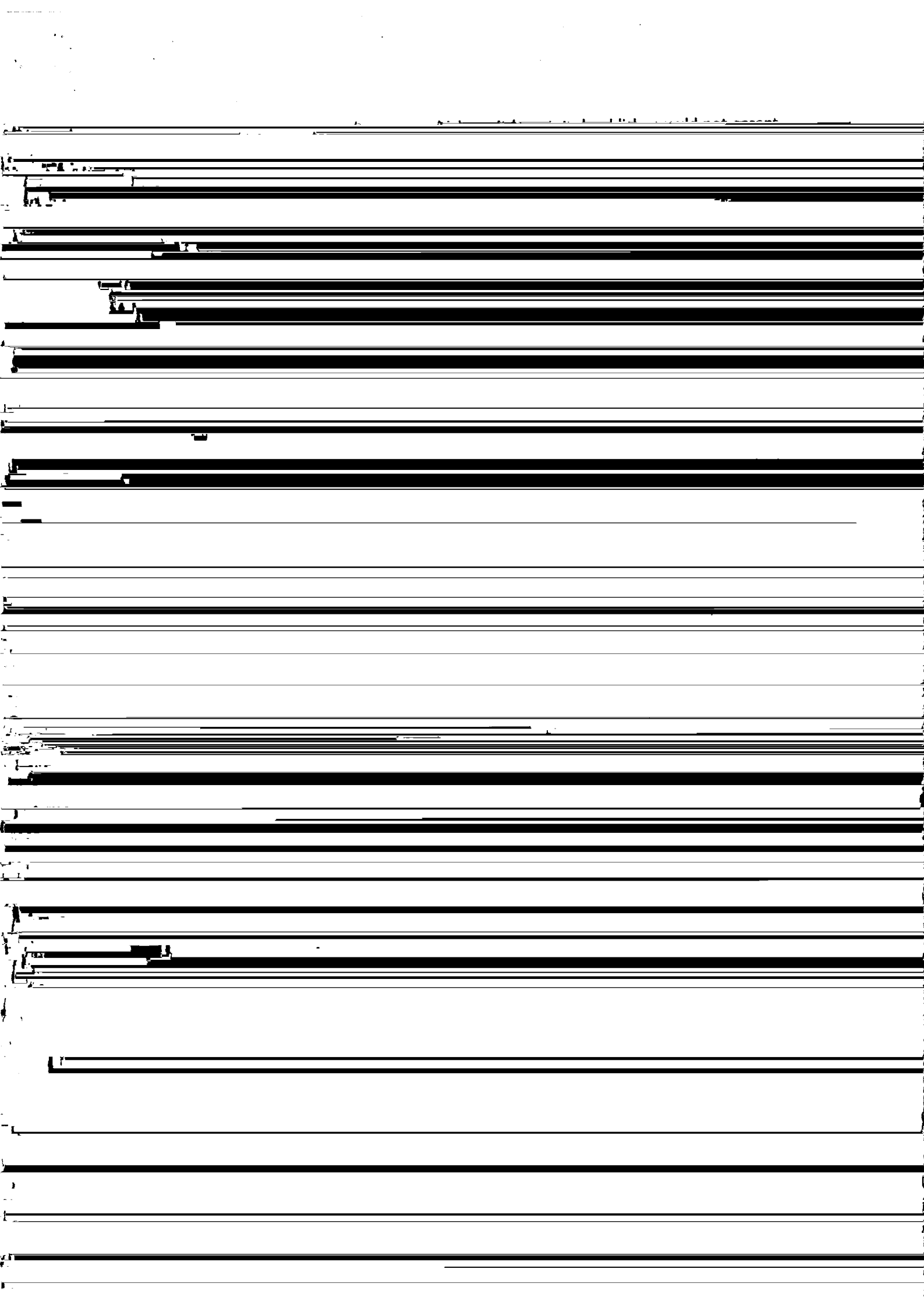
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was recognised by local Moroccan organisations (Human Rights Council, Report of December 2010).

Part of our people were forced by the military invasion, which began in October 1975, to seek refuge outside their country, while another part was trapped in the urban centres, now part of the territories occupied by the Moroccan army.

We have resisted this expansionist approach with the measure of our disposal. In 1979

Mauritania recognised its mistake and signed peace with our country and later granted its full recognition in 1984 to the Sahrawi State, which was proclaimed on 27 February 1976 in response to the legal vacuum caused by the departure of the colonial power, Spain. The



The Frente POLISARIO, which is recognised by the United Nations since resolution 3437 (1979)

posed no effort to promote a just, peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict with our

Neighbour in line with the dictates of international law. We have also offered to