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Concluding Observations and Recommendations on the Initial Report of the Arab Democratic Sahrawi Republic

I. Introduction

1. These Concluding Observations follow the submission of the Initial Report of the Arab Democratic Sahrawi Republic (RASD), a State Party to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Charter), submitted for consideration to the 33rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the African Commission) held in Niamey, Niger, from 15 to 29 May 2003.
2. The Report was presented by a Delegation led by Honourable Mohamed Salem Ould Sallek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of RASD, assisted by the Government's Legal Advisor, Mr Ahmed Sidi Ali.
3. The Report of RASD combines the Initial Report due since 20 May 1988 and the Periodic Reports due for the period 1990 to 2002.
4. These Concluding Observations outline the positive aspects identified in the report, factors that restrict the enjoyment of human and peoples' rights stipulated in the African Charter, areas of concern and recommendations of the African Commission to the RASD Government.
5. The African Commission notes with satisfaction the frank and constructive public dialogue that ensued during the presentation of the Report and