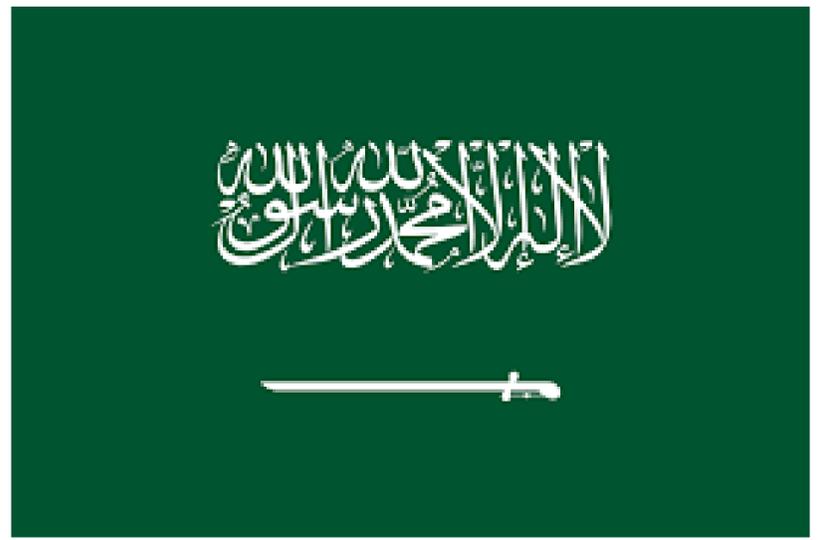


KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

SPECPOL – SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION

TOPIC: REASSESSING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF DISPUTED AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES



INTRODUCTION

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA COMES TO THIS MEETING WITH REAL TRUTHFULLY VIEW: STABILITY AND DOMINATION ARE THE FOUNDATION OF A STRONG INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR FUTURE AND IN THE SAME WAY WE ALSO BELIEVE IN RESPECTING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF COUNTRIES. SAUDI ARABIA SEES THE ISSUE OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES (NSGTS) NOT AS SOMETHING FROM THE PAST, BUT AS CURRENT PROBLEMS THAT NEED MODERN, PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS BASED ON THE UN CHARTER. WE BELIEVE REAL DECOLONIZATION HAPPENS THROUGH AGREEMENT, NOT IMPOSITION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RESPECT BOTH THE WISHES OF LOCAL POPULATIONS AND THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF EXISTING COUNTRIES.

NATIONAL STANCE AND POLICY

NOW AND FUTURE SAUDI ARABIA'S WILL BE FOREIGN POLICY IS FOCUSED ON PEACE, NON-INTERFERENCE, AND RESOLVING DISPUTES PEACEFULLY. WE SUPPORT RESOLUTION 1514, WHICH SAYS THAT DENYING PEOPLE THEIR FREEDOM IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT SELF-DETERMINATION MUST NOT BREAK UP EXISTING COUNTRIES. THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR REGIONAL PEACE.

ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, SAUDI ARABIA SUPPORTS THE UNITY OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED MOROCCO'S RIGHT TO CONTROL WESTERN SAHARA AND ITS PLAN TO GIVE MORE INDEPENDENCE TO THE REGION. THIS PLAN ENABLES LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT RULES WHILE KEEP THE COUNTRY'S UNITY, PREVENTING DIVISION AND ENSURING STABILITY. SAUDI ARABIA BELIEVES THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN FUTURE, WE SUPPORT THIS HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND JUSTICE FOR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES AND FREEDOM.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

TO REASSESS THE POLITICAL STATUS OF DISPUTED TERRITORIES, SAUDI ARABIA SUGGESTS A PRACTICAL APPROACH WITH THREE KEY POINTS:

RENEWED DIPLOMATIC DIALOGUE: WE CANNOT RELY ONLY ON OLD RESOLUTIONS. THE KINGDOM SUGGESTS CREATING "TRIPARTITE CONTACT GROUPS" MADE UP OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER, THE CLAIMANT STATE (IF RELEVANT), AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE. THESE GROUPS WOULD FOCUS ON PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARD SELF-GOVERNANCE OR INTEGRATION, MOVING BEYOND THE USUAL DEBATES.

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OVER AID: POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE IS MEANINGLESS WITHOUT A STRONG ECONOMY. WE SUGGEST THAT THE UN SHOULD FOCUS MORE ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION FOR NSGTS. THIS COULD INCLUDE USING EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES (EEZS), SUCH AS FISHERIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO BUILD A SELF-SUSTAINING ECONOMY. THIS WOULD BE DONE BEFORE ANY POLITICAL CHANGE.

RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW: WE MUST FOLLOW THE DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) AND THE ICJ'S ADVICE, WHETHER ABOUT THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO OR OTHER MATTERS, SHOULD BE IMPORTANT IN DISCUSSIONS.

CONCLUSION

SAUDI ARABIA BELIEVES COLONIALISM SHOULD END TO EVERY LITTLE PIECE, BUT IT MUST ONLY HAPPEN IN A WAY THAT BRINGS PEACE, NOT TROUBLE. WE ARE READY TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO CREATE REAL SOLUTIONS, NOT JUST IDEAS. ALWAYS THESE SOLUTIONS SHOULD RESPECT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND KEEP PEACE BETWEEN EVERY NATIONS.