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STATEMENT ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF POLISARIO

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the POLISARIO FRONT, on May 10, 1973, the leadership and the entire membership of the Socialist Movement of Ghana (SMG) extend our militant solidarity to the Government and people of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR).

We salute all the heroic men and women of Western Sahara for their struggle for the liberation from colonial occupation which has entailed plunder of the natural resources in the territory and the abuse of the fundamental rights of its people.

The main objective of the POLISARIO at its formation in 1973 was to expel the Spanish colonisers but it was compelled to continue the war of liberation after Spain pulled out in 1975 and Morocco and Mauritania became the new occupiers.

After three and a half years of intense fighting in which the POLISARIO acted as the vanguard of the Saharawi people, Mauritania withdrew from the territory but Morocco continues against international law and world public opinion to occupy parts of Western Sahara.

In August 1991, Morocco was forced by POLISARIO's victories on the ground to reluctantly accept a ceasefire and a United Nations offer of a referendum on the future of the territory.

The SMG notes that since 1991, Morocco has persistently subverted the work of the United Nation's Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) and prevented the Saharawi people from enjoying their inalienable right to self-determination.

We congratulate the Saharawi people on the many victories they have scored both on the battlefield and in international diplomacy. We recall the decision of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) invalidating the European Union's Commercial agreements with Morocco for the exploitation of Saharawi resources.

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The decision of the African Court of Justice which upheld the Saharawi people's right to self-determination and the numerous UN resolutions calling for an end to Moroccan occupation are also sources of pride for us.

The SMG joins the Saharawi people in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the POLISARIO and strongly denounce the continued colonial occupation of Western Sahara by Morocco and insists on an immediate end to Moroccan colonialism.

We call on all peace-loving and progressive people and organisations around the world to declare their full solidarity with the government and people of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic.

Victory is certain!

Kwesi Pratt, Jr.

General Secretary.