

The Blue Committee: Topic A Primary Sources

The States of the Remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories

Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: Gibraltar's Referendum

This source regarding the initial outcome of the Gibraltar referendum vote shows how the people of Gibraltar feel about their situation. The referendum has no legal weight, but it does depict the wishes of Gibraltar's citizens. They wish, with a 98.9% tally, to remain under United Kingdom sovereignty. The source also answers questions about the dealings between the United Kingdom and Spain.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/2400673.stm>

Source #2: Falkland Islands' Referendum

This source discusses the events of the referendum vote in the Falkland Islands. While reporting the turnout and result of the vote, the source includes comments by Prime Minister David Cameron for the United Kingdom and President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner for Argentina. The Argentine president denounces the referendum while Cameron uses it as reasoning for retaining sovereignty over the Islands.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2013/mar/12/falkland-islands-referendum-votes-yes>

Source #3: MINURSO Mission to Western Sahara

This source provides the UN's involvement in the Western Sahara conflict. It provides data and expenses and personnel. Also, the source states the current UNSC resolution on Western Sahara.

<https://peacekeeping.un.org/en/mission/minurso>

Source #4: Sahrawi Comments on Western Sahara

This source talks on a variety of issues but presents a statement made by representatives of the Sahrawi people in Western Sahara. It provides a reason why negotiations are complicated in this situation.

<https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/brussels-playbook/politico-brussels-playbook-presented-by-cefic-heated-brexit-talks-latin-america-summit-on-the-brink-visegrad-diplomacy/>

Source #5: POLISARIO Statement to the United Nations Security Council

This official statement by a POLISARIO Representative to the UNSC highlights the POLISARIO viewpoint on the situation. This primary source is excellent in describing the grievances by people living in the Western Sahara.

<https://www.westernsahara->

[un.com/app/download/15960741225/FP%20UN%20Rep%20Ahmed%20Boukhari%20Statement%20C-24.pdf?t=1498059690](https://www.westernsahara-un.com/app/download/15960741225/FP%20UN%20Rep%20Ahmed%20Boukhari%20Statement%20C-24.pdf?t=1498059690)

Source #6: Spanish and British Relationship over Gibraltar

This oxford publication is an extremely comprehensive breakdown of relations between Spain and the United Kingdom on the Gibraltar situation. It begins at the Treaty of Utrecht and traces the issues with firsthand quotes from leaders all the way to the modern era. This is extremely useful in seeing both sides to the question of Gibraltar through the representatives of the two countries.

<https://academic.oup.com/bybil/article/86/1/101/3744967>