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Letter dated 9 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter that I addressed today, 9 December 2019, to the Secretary-General (see annex), regarding a new “polisario” provocation in the area east of the defence structure in the Moroccan Sahara, which constitutes a grave violation of the ceasefire, military agreements and Security Council resolutions.

I would be grateful if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex, as a matter of urgency, to the members of the Security Council and issue it as a document of the Council.

(Signed) **Omar Hilale**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 9 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 9 December 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: French]

On instructions from my Government, I regret to draw your attention to another very grave “polisario” provocation that poses serious threats to regional peace and security.

In a new deliberate act in violation of Security Council resolutions and the ceasefire, “polisario” announced the organization, from 19 to 23 December 2019, of a so-called congress in the locality of Tifariti, east of the defence structure in the Moroccan Sahara.

This destabilizing action constitutes a flagrant violation of military agreement No. 1, and Security Council resolutions [2414 \(2018\)](#), [2440 \(2018\)](#), [2468 \(2019\)](#) and [2494 \(2019\)](#). Moreover, it represents a serious threat to the sustainability of the ceasefire.

This further demonstration of “polisario” shying away from its responsibilities might have adverse consequences, because it constitutes further defiance of the international community.

The organization of this sham congress is only the latest iteration in a long series of provocations and violations on the part of “polisario” in the area east of the defence structure that the Kingdom of Morocco has, in every case, denounced in its previous letters, engagements and meetings with you, as well as with the Security Council.

Through this latest destabilizing action, “polisario” continues to show disdain for the Security Council by violating resolutions [2414 \(2018\)](#), [2440 \(2018\)](#), [2468 \(2019\)](#) and [2494 \(2019\)](#), in which the Council called upon it to refrain from any actions that could undermine the United Nations political process regarding the Moroccan Sahara.

By reneging on its commitments, “polisario” once again is showing what little regard it has for the international legality. Also, it demonstrates, in particular, deliberate intention to forestall the new momentum that you and your former Personal Envoy have brought to the political process, including through the holding of two round tables in Geneva, on 5 and 6 December 2018 and on 21 and 22 March 2019, attended by Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania and “polisario”. That momentum was supported and bolstered by Security Council resolutions [2468 \(2019\)](#) and [2494 \(2019\)](#).

His Majesty King Mohammed VI had already informed you, in his letter dated 30 March 2018, sent on behalf of the people of Morocco, of the Kingdom’s firm and determined rejection of the repeated provocations and violations of the ceasefire and military agreements committed by “polisario”.

Through this sham congress that it is preparing to hold in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara, “polisario” is also disregarding the humanitarian situation in the Tindouf camps by engaging in a costly and ostentatious exercise in pure propaganda aimed at maintaining the separatist despots who violate the most basic rights of the population of those camps.

Instead of begging for greater international humanitarian aid, alleging that it is inadequate, “polisario” should use the millions of dollars that it intends to waste on

the organization of this so-called congress to meet the humanitarian needs of the population held captive in the Tindouf camps.

The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) urgently needs to take full measure of the seriousness of the situation and to take urgent measures to put an end to such serious provocations, in accordance with its mandate as a ceasefire observer. In this context, it is imperative that MINURSO ensures there is no “polisario” civilian or military presence in the area east of the security structure in the Moroccan Sahara, in full compliance with the letter and spirit of the ceasefire.

The Kingdom of Morocco is appealing to demand that “polisario” comply with Security Council resolutions [2414 \(2018\)](#), [2440 \(2018\)](#), [2468 \(2019\)](#) and [2494 \(2019\)](#). The continuation of such provocations undermines the peace and stability of the region. It threatens the entire political process conducted under your auspices to achieve a realistic, pragmatic and sustainable political solution based on compromise to the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara.

The Kingdom cannot tolerate such actions, which the Moroccan people as a whole reject and condemn categorically. “Polisario” shall assume all the consequences of its serious provocations.

(Signed) **Omar Hilale**
Ambassador
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