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### Letter dated 14 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that 8 September 2021 was a historic day for Morocco as, for the first time, general legislative, commune-level and regional elections were held throughout the national territory, including in the Moroccan Sahara.

In that regard, I have the honour to convey to you the following information:

- Voter turnout at the national level was 50.35 per cent. This is a record high compared to previous elections and occurred despite the constraints resulting from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
- In the Moroccan Sahara, turnout was 66.94 per cent in the Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra region and 58.30 per cent in the Dakhla-Oued Eddahab region. The population of these two regions demonstrated great support for the triple vote, with the highest rates of participation in the country.
- The rates of participation were even more remarkable at the provincial level:
  - Dakhla-Oued Eddahab region: 79.64 per cent in the province of Aousserd and 54.40 per cent in the province of Oued Eddahab
  - Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra region: 85.20 per cent in the province of Tarfaya, 67.37 per cent in the province of Es-Smara, 68.65 per cent in the province of Laayoune and 64.10 per cent in the province of Boujdour
- The large-scale participation of the population of the Moroccan Sahara in this electoral process is a further confirmation, through the ballot box, of the unwavering commitment of citizens of the southern provinces to their Moroccan identity and to the exercise of their inalienable right to the democratic management of their local affairs, within the framework of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Morocco.
- The elections were monitored and observed, with full independence and neutrality, by 5,020 national and international observers. The observers comprised 4,891 national observers, including 568 observers from the National Human Rights Council, and 129 international observers from several African, European, Asian and Arab countries, international and regional organizations, national and international parliaments, and non-governmental and civil society organizations.



- These national and international observers have all attested to the fact that the elections were conducted in a democratic, transparent and inclusive manner, in accordance with the procedures governing electoral processes and with the highest international standards. They have stated that the elections were held under normal conditions and that no incidents that could undermine the transparency of the vote were observed in any region of the Kingdom.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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

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