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Letter dated 21 October 1981 from the Permanent  
Representative of Mauritania to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a message addressed to you by His Excellency, Lieutenant-Colonel Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidallah, President of the Military Committee of National Recovery and Head of State of Mauritania.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this message to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 58, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamed Said Ould HAMODY  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary,  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Permanent Mission of the  
Islamic Republic of Mauritania  
to the United Nations

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the King of Morocco, pursuing an increasingly dangerous course, is endeavouring at all costs to implicate Mauritania in the attacks to which he is being subjected in Western Sahara.

I can assure you, Sir, that these attacks do not originate in our territory and that no foreign troops retreated to our territory after the fighting which took place last week in the vicinity of Gueltat Zemmour. I request you to use your influence with the King of Morocco in order to dissuade him from carrying out rash and unjustified acts against our country and people.

In any case, our people will be obliged to ensure by all means the legitimate defence of its sovereignty and territorial integrity against any Moroccan aggression, for which the King of Morocco, Hassan II, alone will bear full and complete responsibility.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Nouakchott, 20 October 1981  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidallah  
President of the Military  
Committee of National Recovery  
Head of State of Mauritania

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