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LETTER DATED 3 NOVEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the moment when the Security Council has just adopted an important resolution concerning Western Sahara which lends timely, renewed impetus to the process of implementing the Settlement Plan for Western Sahara and the Houston agreements between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente POLISARIO, I have the honour to inform you that I today signed the Status-of-Forces Agreement with the Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Bernard Miyet, at United Nations Headquarters.

Algeria's signing of this important agreement confirms the determined support which Algeria has provided constantly to the Secretary-General and the Security Council in their efforts, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, to hold, at the earliest possible date, a free, fair and impartial referendum on self-determination in Western Sahara that will enable the Saharan people to decide their own future.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be brought to the attention of the other members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Abdallah BAALI Ambassador Permanent Representative
