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Letter dated 30 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Kingdom of Morocco deeply regrets that the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of South Africa continues to mislead the members of the Security Council by sending a biased communication dated 23 October 2020 transmitting a totally fallacious so-called letter from a fictitious "president" of an imaginary entity, the so-called "Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic".

While reaffirming the content of its previous letters, in particular those contained in documents S/2020/621, of 29 June 2020, and S/2020/995, of 9 October 2020, the Kingdom of Morocco once again strongly condemns the use of the Security Council as a political tool, with the devious aim of promoting a fictitious entity that is not recognized by the international community as a whole, and the United Nations in particular.

It is also reprehensible that, with the active help of South Africa, the "leader" of an armed separatist group is desperately trying to legitimize his so-called title of "president" of an imaginary entity through a sham letter. South Africa pretends not to know that the Security Council has never recognized this individual or his title, let alone the entity of which he claims to be president, in any of its resolutions.

The repeated circulation of these deceitful letters by South Africa is manifestly inconsistent with its status as a member of the United Nations. Similarly, its attempt to impose its national position on other members of the Security Council belies its status as a non-permanent member of the Council and the credibility required of those elected to that high office.

South Africa, which in its statements on the issue of the Moroccan Sahara calls for "compliance Security Council resolutions", should set an example by complying with those resolutions, in which the Council emphasizes the need to achieve a realistic, practicable and enduring political solution to this regional dispute based on compromise, and in which it has in no way and at no point recognized that phantom entity.

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

(Signed) Omar Hilale Ambassador Permanent Representative





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