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Letter dated 24 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Once again, the Permanent Mission of South Africa is exploiting the Security Council for political purposes, by transmitting to the Council, on 18 February 2021, a letter from a pseudo “president” of a fictitious entity, “Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic”, and by endorsing spurious allegations regarding the situation in Moroccan Sahara.

The Kingdom of Morocco emphasizes once more that the persistent attempts by South Africa to mislead the Security Council do not and will not change the fact that the United Nations, including all its component parts, does not recognize, either de facto or de jure, this puppet entity or its “president”.

In stubbornly promoting this entity’s political propaganda, South Africa is causing great harm to its own reputation, yet it seeks to present itself as a responsible actor and a credible interlocutor within the international community, particularly in Africa. Similarly, by condoning the usurpation of position by this imaginary “president”, who is, in reality, merely the despotic “leader” of a separatist armed group, South Africa is acting in flagrant violation of the rules, procedures and ethics governing the work of the Security Council, as well as the letter and spirit of United Nations resolutions and decisions.

Moreover, as South Africa is aware, the “president” of this fictitious entity is the subject of an arrest warrant issued by the Spanish High Court for torture, inhuman treatment, rape and serious human rights violations. Thus, despite repeated attempts by South Africa to give him legitimacy, this torturer from the Tindouf camps and his Tindouf “republic” have not been, are not, and never will be United Nations interlocutors.

Furthermore, the Kingdom of Morocco strongly condemns the appropriation by South Africa of the mendacious language used by the armed separatist group “polisario” in its letter to the Security Council regarding the situation in Moroccan Sahara. Although the Permanent Mission of South Africa may not like it, political empowerment, socioeconomic development and respect for human rights are far better in Moroccan Sahara than in South Africa.

I should like to inform you that a letter has been sent to the Secretary-General and the members of the Security Council refuting the spurious allegations spread in the letter from the Permanent Mission of South Africa regarding the situation in Moroccan Sahara.



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
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