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Letter dated 30 May 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the Security Council's 2024 annual report, which has been scheduled for adoption by the Security Council. The delegation of Sierra Leone notes with concern that the section of the report pertaining to Western Sahara contains a factual inaccuracy.

Specifically, the paragraph in question attributes to the Security Council a political characterization or assessment of the Western Sahara situation which was neither agreed to by the membership nor formally adopted by the Council. This statement therefore misrepresents the official record and practice of the Council.

The delegation of Sierra Leone remains fully committed to the Council's practice of reaching decisions by consensus and upholding the integrity of its procedural rules. In this spirit, we regret that the annual report will be adopted without correcting the factual inaccuracy. We trust that future editions of the report will accurately reflect only those matters on which the Council has genuinely reached agreement or decided.

Sierra Leone will join the consensus on the annual report solely to preserve the integrity of the silence procedure, which is an important element of the Council's decision-making process. Nonetheless, in light of the misrepresentation, I must formally dissociate the delegation of Sierra Leone from the impugned section of the report.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Michael Imran **Kanu**
Permanent Representative

