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Identical letters dated 1 June 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Following the adoption by the Security Council of its 2024 informational report to the General Assembly on Friday, 30 May 2025, as well as the observations and reservations expressed by certain members of the Council thereon, I would like to express the profound surprise and firm rejection of the Kingdom of Morocco in respect of the singling out of “two parties” in the paragraph relating to the Moroccan Sahara in that report.

In this regard, the Kingdom of Morocco would like to make the following observations:

- In the last paragraph of the introduction to this Security Council report, it is stated that the very purpose of the section “is not to provide an exhaustive list of meetings, developments or responses of the Council. Rather, it is intended as a succinct and useful overview of key developments made throughout the year”.
- However, the biased paragraph on the Moroccan Sahara in the introduction to the report flagrantly departs from this guideline, which has always governed the drafting of previous annual reports.
- Far from accurately conveying the position of the Security Council and its sincere efforts to find a just and lasting political solution to this regional dispute, it presents a partisan and unbalanced reading of the positions expressed in the Council on the matter.
- This paragraph only reflects, in a selective and non-contextualized manner, the national position of the author of the introduction and that of a non-permanent member of the Security Council. It ignores the contributions and positions expressed by the other members, thereby diverging from consensus in this body.
- Contrary to the claim made in this paragraph, the Security Council has recognized the four parties to the political process: Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania and the “polisario”, referencing them five times in all its resolutions since 2018.



- Furthermore, in no report of the Secretary-General, nor in any resolution of the General Assembly, are two parties singled out to the detriment of the four parties involved in the political process.
- The author’s biased approach is, moreover, contradicted by the current international dynamic, which is marked by broad support for the settlement of this regional dispute solely on the basis of the Moroccan Autonomy Initiative, respecting the Kingdom’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. This serious and credible initiative is strongly and openly supported by 116 countries, including 2 permanent members of the Security Council, which were joined today by the United Kingdom, as well as 3 non-permanent members that served on the Council in 2024 and 6 of the current non-permanent members.
- By departing from the established practice of respecting facts and neutrality, which traditionally characterizes Security Council reports to the General Assembly, this approach undermines the credibility of the Security Council’s work vis-à-vis the General Assembly. Moreover, it erodes the General Assembly’s trust in the integrity of the reports transmitted to it by the Security Council.
- Rather than attempting to mislead the General Assembly by referring to its national position and that of a non-permanent member of the Council, which is also a main party to this dispute, the author of this section should have shown neutrality and objectivity by informing the General Assembly about the features and origins of the political process established by the Council, which are the parameters of the political solution, the four stakeholders and the primacy of the Moroccan Autonomy Initiative for the definitive settlement of this regional dispute.
- The author should also not have objected to the restoration of the fact-based nature of this section on the grounds of so-called “procedural integrity”, which cannot take precedence when such a flagrant inaccuracy is reported at any stage. The objective and factual nature of the report is a political necessity to the mission of the Security Council as guarantor of the political process for resolving the question of the Moroccan Sahara.

For all these reasons, the Kingdom of Morocco firmly denounces the failure to uphold rigour, impartiality and integrity in that section of the report. It also rejects the politically motivated distortion in this paragraph, which can only be interpreted as a vain attempt to exploit the international momentum in support of the political process undertaken under the exclusive aegis of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

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