

Polisario Front
Representation to the United Nations

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To Mr. E. The Ambassadors of the Members of the Security Council of the United Nations.

I have the honour to send herewith the integral the of the F. Polisario communiqué following the secretary General statement of yesterday 25 of February 2017:

"The Frente POLISARIO shares the concerns of the Secretary General of the United Nations concerning the present situation in the region of ElGargarat in Western Sahara and supports its appeal for the respect of the spirit and the letter of the cease-fire in force, since 1991, in the framework of the implementation of the the UN-OAU settlement plan whose culmination remains the holding of a referendum of self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

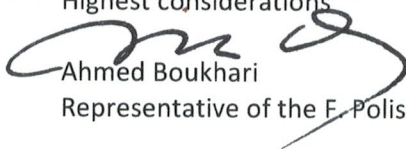
However, the Frente POLISARIO wishes to recall that the situation in ElGargarat is not an isolated fact and, therefore, only by taking into account the state of the process of decolonization of Western Sahara as a whole that the current tension could be diffused and overcome. At the time of the establishment of the cease-fire there was no road, nor commercial traffic between the "berm" of the Moroccan occupation and the Mauritanian border. The existence of this traffic, today, is a violation of the legal status of the Territory and the cease-fire because it constitutes a change in the status quo in the "buffer zone".

The Moroccan decision, today, to roll back, a few hundreds of meters, its troops near ElGargarat is window dressing and hide poorly the contempt of Rabat for international legality, its obstinacy and his refusal, for almost three decades, to allow the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on the Western Sahara.

The current situation and everything that can derive from it is the sole responsibility of Morocco that prevents the implementation of the settlement plan, refuses the negotiation, hinders the efforts of the Personal Envoy, expelled the personnel of MINURSO, violates human rights with impunity and plundered the natural resources of the Territory.

*The Frente POLISARIO reiterates its support for the efforts of the Secretary General and his Personal Envoy in view of the application of the resolutions of the United Nations enshrining the inalienable right of the Saharawi people to self-determination and independence.
Bir Lahlou, the 26 February 2017".*

Highest considerations



Ahmed Boukhari

Representative of the F. Polisario to the United Nations

New York, 26 of February 2017