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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 22 April 2016. As you already know, the EU supports the UN Secretary-General's efforts to achieve a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in the context of arrangements consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the UN.

On 29 April 2016, the UN Security Council adopted resolution 2285 renewing MINURSO's mandate for one year, which also called upon the parties to cooperate more fully with the United Nations and each other to achieve progress towards a political solution.

The EU listens to and has contacts with all the parties in order to support the UNSG's on-going efforts. The Polisario Front is received by the United Nations as one of the two parties involved in this on-going process, for which the UNSC remains seized as clearly stated by UNSCR 2285.

Against this background the Head of the Maghreb Division of the EEAS, Mr Bernard Savage, received the Polisario front official Mr Mohamed Salem Ould Salek for a working visit. The two officials discussed the latest developments on Western Sahara in the UNSC.

Yours sincerely,



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