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The Representative of Algeria

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in good faith, into negotiations without preconditions, with a view to achieving a solution that will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

For this negotiating process to be successful, the two parties have been also invited by the Security Council to demonstrate further political will, including by expanding upon their discussion of each other's proposal.

Algeria remains convinced that the right of the people of Western Sahara to self-determination is the only way forward to settle this last unresolved problem of decolonization in Africa.

In this regard, while deploring the latest developments in the negotiating process which might impact negatively on, and further complicate the search for a solution to the conflict of Western Sahara, my country reiterates its full support for the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his Personal Envoy, Mr. Christopher Ross, to assist the two parties to the conflict, namely Morocco and the Polisario Front, in their search for a solution based on the right of the Saharawi people to self-determination in the context of arrangements consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations.

I thank you.