

**Communiqué of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara
(In Agreement with the Parties)
Meeting at Manhasset (Greentree Estate)
11 August 2007**

Representatives of Morocco and the Frente Polisario met in Manhasset, New York, at the Greentree Estate, on 10 and 11 August 2007, continuing their discussions under the auspices of the Secretary-General, and in accordance with Security Council resolution 1754 of 30 April 2007. Representatives of the neighbouring countries, Algeria and Mauritania, were also present at the opening and closing sessions and were consulted separately during the talks.

I am pleased that we were able to hold substantive talks in which the parties interacted with one another and expressed their views. A debate took place with regard to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1754. Also, at my initiative, the parties heard presentations by United Nations experts on specific issues such as natural resources and local administration. Confidence-building measures were also proposed for discussions.

The parties acknowledge that the current *status quo* is unacceptable and they have committed to continue these negotiations in good faith. They have agreed that the process of negotiations will continue and appropriate consultations on the date and venue of the coming round will be completed.

Handwritten signatures of the parties involved in the meeting, likely the Personal Envoy and the representatives of the two sides, are placed here.