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**Letter dated 26 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of  
Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the  
Security Council**

During the most recent Security Council consultations, significant changes were made to the text of the draft resolution on Western Sahara, in particular in paragraph 1, giving the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General a mandate to elaborate a new proposal for the settlement of the question of Western Sahara which would enable the people of Western Sahara to exercise their right to self-determination, taking into account the principles and provisions of both the settlement plan and the draft framework agreement.

The Permanent Mission of Algeria in New York believes that this is a promising approach which deserves to be encouraged, as it is in conformity with international law and United Nations doctrine on decolonization, its aim is to ensure the holding of a referendum on genuine self-determination for the Sahrawi people and it would enable the Security Council to continue its work, in a spirit of renewed unity and cohesion, to promote a mutually acceptable political solution to the conflict in Western Sahara.

I should be grateful if you would take the necessary steps to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdallah **Baali**  
Ambassador