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Letter dated 20 November 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I should be grateful if you would have the press statement issued on behalf of the President of the Republic of South Africa and Chairperson of the African Union, Cyril Ramaphosa (see annex), circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 20 November 2020 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Chairperson of the African Union calls for calm between Saharawi and Morocco

The Chairperson of the African Union (AU), His Excellency, the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, has been made aware of the growing tension between the Western Sahara and Morocco, arising from a dispute on the buffer zone.

President Ramaphosa has asked the two countries to ease tensions and return to the negotiations. He further urges all the parties to uphold the Settlement Plan, which provides for “a cease-fire” and the holding of a referendum for the people of Western Sahara to exercise their right to self-determination.

President Ramaphosa also called upon the United Nations Secretary-General to urgently appoint a Special Envoy to the Western Sahara to address all the underlying causes of tensions and assist with finding lasting peace in that region.
