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to The Netherlands  
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Excellency,

With great satisfaction I learned about the recognition by the Republic of South Africa of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic. On behalf of the board of the Netherlands Foundation for Self-Determination in Western Sahara, I wish to thank president Mbeki and your Government for this act, that reflects the firm and consequent stand of South Africa on matters of decolonization and the rights of peoples.

We are disillusioned, as much as you are, about the continuing opposition of King Mohamed VI and the Moroccan Government to the exercise of the right of self-determination by the Sahrawi people and their sabotage of the mutually accepted peace agreements between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Polisario Front. The step South Africa made is therefore not only a source of rejoice, but also of deep concern. It means more pressure is needed on Morocco to abide by international law.

Our Foundation is proud to be part of the world wide movement of solidarity with the Sahrawi people in their struggle for the realization of their right of self-determination and independence. We feel strengthened and encouraged by South Africa's recognition of the S.A.D.R. and we look forward to working together with your great nation in achieving finally justice for the Sahrawi people.

Please convey this message to your Government and accept, your Excellency, the assurance of our high consideration.

Ms E. den Haan,  
President of the Netherlands Foundation for the exercise  
of the right of self-determination by the people of Western Sahara  
(Netherlands Foundation for Self-Determination in Western Sahara)