

ACTION  
COPY

Mr. Feltman  
DSG  
AG

Central

Ambassador (ret.) Christopher Ross  
708 Eleventh Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003-2810  
Tel. (202) 255-6742  
E-Mail: [rossc@un.org](mailto:rossc@un.org)



August 27, 2012

His Excellency  
Ban Ki-Moon  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I write to express my deep appreciation for the support that you have provided to me as your Personal Envoy for Western Sahara since my appointment in January 2009 and especially since mid-May of this year.

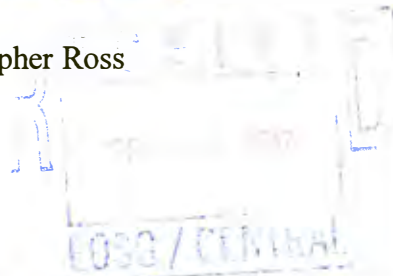
In particular, I wish to thank you for your willingness to call King Mohammed VI on my behalf August 25. While your special advisor, Jamal Benomar, and I had designed a strategy for convincing Morocco to agree to a continuation of my mission and had prompted key members of the Group of Friends of Western Sahara to express support, it was your conversation with the King that was decisive in ensuring success.

Your readiness to devote time to speaking with His Majesty during your vacation and despite other priority demands on your agenda bears eloquent witness to your solicitude for, and commitment to, those of us who work with you to advance the noble objectives of the United Nations in troubled regions around the world.

I will soon travel to North Africa to explore how best to intensify and accelerate the negotiating process on Western Sahara, as well as how best to promote better bilateral relations between Algeria and Morocco. Your action opened the way to this trip, and once again I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Ross



INR/DS/001