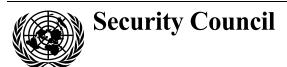
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## Letter dated 30 October 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). Having completed the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint William Lacy Swing (United States of America) as my Special Representative for Western Sahara, with effect from 1 December 2001.

Mr. Swing will succeed William Eagleton, who served in this capacity with great distinction. I would like to put on record my sincere appreciation for his commendable leadership of MINURSO over the past two and a half years.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

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