



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia welcomes the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2440 (2018) in all its elements, extending the mandate of UN MINURSO and reaffirming the importance of the settlement of the issue of "Western Sahara" and the leading role played by the United Nations in this process.

In this context, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia offers its unambiguous support to the United Nations and to Mr. Horst Kohler, Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in all their activities aimed at settling existing problems, and especially in pointing to the significance of the activities aiming to relaunch negotiations during the forthcoming Geneva meeting, scheduled for early December 2018.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia joins in the UN call on the parties concerned and on the neighbours to restore negotiations leading to a just political, viable and mutually acceptable solution for the existing dispute while implementing all commitments envisaged by the world Organization.

UNSC Resolution 2440 embodies positions held by the Republic of Serbia regarding direct talks between Algeria and Morocco, which have continuously been pointed out to the officials of the two countries. As a true friend of both Algeria and Morocco, the Republic of Serbia has an interest, besides neighbouring Mauritania, to have the two major countries of the region embark in good faith upon a brotherly and amicable dialogue on this and other matters.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia hails in this context the call of the Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco, His Majesty King Muhammad VI, addressed to Algeria to establish a Morocco-Algeria political mechanism to examine on an amicable, brotherly and equal basis not only the existing problem but also the overall relations between the two countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, upholding the direct dialogue with the mediation and leading role of the United Nations, remains open and ready to put at the disposal of its Algerian and Moroccan friends its objectively available capacities for reaching solutions on

the aforementioned UN-defined basis.