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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO), established by the Security Council in its resolution [690 \(1991\)](#) of 29 April 1991 and most recently extended by it in its resolution [2548 \(2020\)](#) of 30 October 2020.

I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Alexander Ivanko (Russian Federation) as my new Special Representative for Western Sahara and Head of MINURSO. He succeeds Mr. Colin Stewart (Canada) who completes his assignment on 26 August 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Stewart for his dedication and effective leadership of MINURSO.

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

(Signed) António **Guterres**

