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**Letter dated 22 July 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed 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), established by the Security Council in its resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991 and most recently extended in its resolution 1979 (2011) of 27 April 2011.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Abdul Hafiz (Bangladesh) as Force Commander of MINURSO. He replaces Major General Jingmin Zhao (China) who completed his assignment on 10 April 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Zhao for his dedication and effective leadership of the MINURSO military component.

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

*(Signed)* **BAN** Ki-moon

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