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**Letter dated 6 December 2016 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 resolution [690 \(1991\)](#) of 29 April 1991 and most recently extended by the Council in resolution [2285 \(2016\)](#) of 29 April 2016.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Major General Wang Xiaojun (China) as Force Commander of MINURSO. He succeeds Major General Muhammad Tayyab Azam (Pakistan), who completed his assignment on 7 November 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Major General Azam 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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