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Morocco – Illegal issues of postage stamps
in the name of the Saharan Republic

Dear Sir/Madam

The postal administration of **MOROCCO** asks me to inform you of the following:

"Our administration continues to deplore the fact that illegal postage stamp issues inscribed "République arabe sahraoui démocratique" (Saharan Arab Democratic Republic) or "Sahara Occidental" (Western Sahara) are still circulating on the international philatelic market, and being sold through various Internet sites and philatelic publications.

"We wish to stress once again that this supposed republic does not exist, and that all these issues are illegal.

"These stamps have been issued in contravention of the Universal Postal Convention and the Letter Post Regulations and are prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of our country. Consequently, we regard these illegal issues as null and void and therefore worthless for purposes of postal prepayment.

"The postal administration of Morocco would be grateful for any information leading to the identification of those responsible for these illegal issues so that appropriate action may be taken.

"We take this opportunity to confirm that the official postage stamps of Morocco are to be found on the Barid Al-Maghrib website www.bam.net.ma and that any information about them is available from its philatelic bureau at the following address:

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Yours faithfully,

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