

The new UN envoy for Western Sahara arrives in Nouakchott

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Nouakchott, Jan 16 (EFE).- The new personal envoy of the UN Secretary General for Western Sahara, Staffan de Mistura, arrived today in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott, the third stage of his first tour in the region, Efe was informed. security sources.

De Mistura, appointed to his post last October, will meet starting tomorrow, in particular, with the president of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, according to a source from the Mauritanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The source explained that the objective of this meeting is to discuss the best way to relaunch the negotiations between Morocco and the Polisario Front, which have been disputing sovereignty over the territories of Western Sahara since 1975.

Mauritania participates in the negotiations, suspended since 2018, as an observer party while officially recognizing the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), proclaimed by the Polisario in 1976.

The Italian-Swedish diplomat began his trip on Thursday in Morocco and then went to Tindouf, in southern Algeria, to meet with Polisario representatives and, after Mauritania, he is scheduled to conclude his tour in Algiers in mid- next week. EFE

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