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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Human Rights and Sustainable Development in Morocco

Over the last ten years, Morocco has been trying to present an example of an ambitious developing country, which adopts its policies to the international goals among which sustainable development has become the center of the national plans of development.

Morocco has managed to reach reasonable stages at the level of implementing human rights, fighting economic fragility as well as improving education and health care in rural area.

As far as human right are concerned, Morocco state has managed to start a reconciliation between the state and its past full of violations of human rights which explains the increasing institutionalization of human rights and the notable improvement of the state and the authority behavior towards the citizens .We as CSOs welcome the Government for fulfilling its promises towards people with disabilities , women and children ,for instance by establishing national mechanism for their protection despite the fact that the Moroccan law is highly adopted to the international bill of rights.

Moreover, we cannot deny as social actors that there are many ambitious economic, social and cultural plans launched to integrate vulnerable communities in the economic circle and take them from fragility to dignity. As an example to these actions, I can mention the national plan to fight poverty which is based on supporting small enterprise and cooperatives to evaluate their product and improve their economic situation instead of full dependence on the state. On the other hand, social justice is still a big issue in Morocco in the absence of transparency and just competitiveness.

In a nutshell, all these ambitious and efforts of a state cannot reach its extent in front of the hypocrisy of some countries that does not contribute to the Moroccan noble demand to claim its full integrity by making it easy to solve the long lasting conflict in Sahara saying that Morocco has overcome the sovereignty question and proposed an advanced autonomy as a solution. This is where the international community role lies to implement political stability in North Africa to reach sustainable developments.
