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**Declaration of of the Moroccan Presidency of  
the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean  
Following the terrorist attacks perpetrated in Brussels on March 22nd, 2016**

The Moroccan presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean is deeply shocked after the cowardly bombings attacks that shook Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) and the European district of Brussels (Maelbeek metro station) on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016, and which made more than thirty dead and several injured and plunge into a deep sadness their families, relatives and all of the Belgian population.

While denouncing and condemning vigorously and unreservedly the abject terrorist attacks in Brussels counter innocent citizens and against peace and security which are in total contradiction with the values we carry as citizens and as parliamentary institutions advocating community life and the sacredness of human life, the Moroccan presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean expresses its condolences and solidarity to the families of the victims of these criminal acts, to His Majesty King Philippe of Belgium, the Prime Minister Mr. Charles Michel, the Presidents of the Belgian Federal Parliament Mr. Siegfried Bracke and Mrs Christine Defraigneto, to the members of Parliament and Government, as well as the Belgian people.

In these painful circumstances, the Moroccan presidency of the PA-UfM, reiterates its solidarity and support in this terrible ordeal to the friend Belgian people and calls upon all Member of Parliaments of our Parliamentary Assembly of the UfM and in accordance with Belgian national motto "Unity makes strength", to unity and gathering to make forehead to all forms of violence contrary to the moral values of Islam which is a religion of mercy, compassion, tolerance, peace, respect for human dignity and human rights, and to intensify their efforts in the fight against terrorism and radicalization, to counter terrorist ideologies and promote tolerance and dialogue between cultures and civilizations, non-discrimination, fundamental freedoms and solidarity and thereby ensure the safety of its Mediterranean population.

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