



Kingdom of Morocco
Parliament



**Parliamentary Assembly of the Union
for the Mediterranean**
Meeting of the Bureau - Rabat, February 17th, 2012
Declaration of the Bureau of the PA-UfM

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- 1- Upon the invitation of the President of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco, the works of the bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean opened under the Moroccan presidency, on February 17th, 2012, in Rabat.
 - 2- This meeting comes to strengthen, on one hand, the euro-Mediterranean dialogue and to bring, on the other hand, answers to the challenges and the threats with which the Mediterranean region is confronted. It also aims to exploit better the opportunities of cooperation of this within this space in order to strengthen democracy stability and prosperity, with the aim of a long sustainable security for the Mediterranean peoples.
 - 3- The members of the bureau of the PA-UfM illustrate once again the same ambitions for the euro-Mediterranean space, and reiterate their commitment to work together to renew the Union for the Mediterranean and promote more the policy of neighborhood with the European Union.
 - 4- Also, the members of the bureau congratulated the quality of dialogue which they held on a certain number of regional and international issues, and particularly on the situation in the Arabic world. In This respect they also praise, that «the call to democracy and to progress becomes a reality in several countries «of the region through democratic elections.
 - 5- For that purpose, the Bureau confirm its support and its solidarity for the democratic transitions in Tunisia, in Egypt and in Libya and underlined that a new era opened in the Mediterranean tending to favor the economic and social development to build a democratic, stable and prosperous euro-Mediterranean space.
 - 6- Besides, the Bureau welcome the constitutional, political and social reforms, committed by the Kingdom of Morocco, underlined that its stability and its progress in governance besides its increasing convergence with the euro-Mediterranean space constitute a vector of assured development.

7- The Bureau also welcomes the constitutional reforms which take place in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan aiming at reinforcing the state of law and promoting the democratic process.

8- As regards the situation in the Middle East, the bureau expressed the necessity of the reactivation of the peace process with the aim of the resolution of the Palestinian question which remains essential and vital to insure peace and security in the Mediterranean. It emphasized the necessity of working more at the opening of a serious and concrete dialogue to over pass the situation of stagnation which the peace process in the Middle East knows; so as to achieve a long sustainable solution which guarantees the establishment of two States living side by side, in peace and in harmony.

9- Therefore, the bureau reiterated its attachment to the international legality and to recourse to the peaceful ways for the regulation of the conflicts between States and for that purpose, support firmly the direct negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis to resolve this conflict by the way of dialogue.

10- The bureau expresses its indignation further to the new arrest, by Israel, of the president of Palestinian legislative council (PLC). Mr. Aziz DWEIK, and the other Members of the PLC. This act which aims at representatives of Palestinian people democratically elected may damage more the chances of a resumption of peace negotiations.

11- The Bureau condemns firmly the repression and all violation of human rights and fundamental liberties committed by Syrian authorities against the civil populations in the point to force the Arab League to suspend the mission of its observers in Syria.

12- The Bureau requires from the Syrian government an immediate stop of violence

13- In this respect, the Bureau supports the plan of the release of crisis of the Arab league States favoring a credible national dialogue to end the violence and responding to the aspiration of the Syrian people by guaranteeing them the prosperity, the security as well as a sustainable peace.

14- Worried by the degradation of the situation in Syria, the Bureau invites the international community to take its responsibilities to allow the Security Council to assume completely its role to end the atrocities which the Syrian people undergo.

15- Besides, the Bureau welcomes the efforts undertaken by the member states of the Union of the Maghreb to boost this regional space, underlining that an integrated Maghreb is a fundamental element of the Union for the Mediterranean to free the economic growth of the region and favor a shared prosperity.

16- Finally, the Bureau warmly welcome the contribution of the Kingdom of Morocco in strengthening the operational capacities of the Union for the Mediterranean in particular by the election of Mr. Fathallah Sijilmassi at the post of General Secretary of the Union for the Mediterranean and fully supports him in his endeavor taking in consideration the complementarity and the coherence of the UpM with the various dimensions of the European neighborhood policy.

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