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## Accountable governance in Morocco

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First allow me in name of the Moroccan Labour Union leadership to thank the organizers of the Deauville Partnership Conference for their kind invitation to participate and contribute to this event, which seeks to promote good governance practices in the Arab Countries in Transition. We highly value the choice »Economic governance and social justice« as a topic for this conference seeing the importance of such a topic in creating balance and cohesion within society.

We, as an independent trade union organization, look at the democratic governance based on transparency, accountability and anti-corruption and the involvement of non-governmental organizations in public policy management, particularly trade union organizations (by fostering social dialogue which seeks to achieve social justice and to fight against class, based on the International Convention No. 144 of the International Labour Organization).

Morocco has agreed to cooperate with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to prepare audits on the current achievements in Morocco. Yet, more needs to be done to achieve good governance, particularly to strengthen the dialogue between the government and social partners in order to engage them in policy-making. This in turn will strengthen the citizens' confidence in democratic institutions and lead to social stability, which automatically will promote investment and create jobs.

Guided by our responsibility to the Moroccan working class that we represent, we work by all means to get past obstacles on the way of good governance such as the lack of transparency in decision-making mechanisms, and the lack of information dissemination and distribution to ensure equal opportunities at the level of governance measurement in government contracting, as well as the absence of socio-development dimension in policies and the weakness of the efficacy of trusteeship and oversight bodies.

The political and economic context in which we live today makes us keep in priority the workers rights by contributing to the Labour Code, health coverage and other decisions that benefit the workers. We also work to make governance and participatory democracy, transparency, responsibility and accountability issues, as well as respect for human rights, particularly the trade union rights, the centre of our attention and our struggle until governance become a true measure to manage societal issues to achieve sustainable development and social justice.

I hope that the conference will be successful and will help to push decisions in favour of good governance in the Arab countries in transition.

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