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ADFM Statement

Following the Al-Haouz Earthquake: Democracy as a Shared Responsibility for Reconstruction, Development, and Effective Equality

Morocco is currently contending with the tragedy of the earthquake that struck several regions of the country, particularly the Al-Haouz region, resulting in losses of lives and serious injuries.
In this painful circumstance, the Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM) extends its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured.

While acknowledging all institutional and social initiatives aimed at mitigating the effects of the earthquake and contributing to reconstruction, ADFM remains committed to the national spirit of solidarity, to providing unwavering support to the citizens of the affected areas and to contributing to the reconstruction process.

Every year on September 15th, the world celebrates International Day of Democracy, defined in the Universal Declaration on Democracy as "an ideal aimed essentially at preserving and promoting the dignity and fundamental rights of the individual, achieving social justice, fostering the economic and social development of the community, strengthening the cohesion of society, and enhancing national tranquility, as well as creating a climate favorable for international peace”.
Under this year's theme, "Empowering the Future Generation," which emphasizes the role of young people as the guardians of democracy in both the present and the future, ADFM calls upon government officials, as well as human rights and development organizations working directly in the field, to:

- Persist and intensify their efforts to provide financial, moral, and psychological support to disaster-stricken families, particularly women and children who are most vulnerable to natural disasters.
- Offer psychological support to girls, boys, orphans, and remove them from earthquake-affected areas, in collaboration with all child protection institutions.
- Take appropriate protective measures, identify, and penalize any acts of human trafficking that exploit the vulnerability of populations facing natural disasters and commit criminal acts against girls and boys.
- Report child marriages and forced marriages.
- Adopt the necessary measures to ensure effective social protection for all women living in disaster-stricken areas, especially those residing in temporary shelters and victim support facilities.

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