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Monsieur le Ministre
des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération
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Objet : Question du Sahara marocain / 4^{ème} commission de la 69^{ème} Session de
l'Assemblée Générale de l'ONU / Projet de déclaration de M. Gishi
et confirmation des billets d'aviation.

Ref : V/L n°748/3168 du 19 Septembre 2014.

Faisant suite à votre correspondance citée en référence, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire
parvenir, ci-joint, le projet de déclaration sur la thématique portant sur « le modèle de
développement pour les provinces du sud : régionalisation avancée comme mode de
gouvernance économique », attribuée au pétitionnaire, M. Gishi Kr. Bjornsson, lors de son
audition à la 4^{ème} commission de la 69^{ème} Session de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations
Unies.

S'agissant du projet de déclaration du pétitionnaire M. Eric Cameron, il vous sera
communiqué incessamment.

Par ailleurs, je vous saurais gré de bien vouloir procéder à l'émission des billets
d'aviation des deux pétitionnaires, tels que communiqués à cette Ambassade dans votre
envoi n°2958 en date du 01 septembre 2014.

Il sied de préciser que les deux pétitionnaires ont été informés de la tenue de la
réunion de coordination qui aura lieu le 06 octobre à New York et ont été invités à
prendre attache avec MM. Redouane Houssaini et Omar El Kadiri, respectivement Chef
de la Division des Nations Unies et Conseiller près notre Mission Permanente à New
York.

Haute Considération,

Le Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Yassine DALAL



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4th Committee- Hearing of Petitioner, Mr. Gisli Kr. Bjornason Lagarok

Topic: « Le modèle de développement pour les provinces du sud : régionalisation avancée comme mode de gouvernance économique ».

Oral Statement

Mr. Chair,

I have the honor to address the fourth Committee today.

The Kingdom of Morocco has been engaging in an ongoing reform process which has revolved around strengthening democratic institutions and civil society, improving opportunities for economic growth, addressing social equity and human development. The pursuit of democracy has gone in line with creating and widening the roles of national institutions in charge of fighting against Corruption and protecting Human Rights.

In this distinctive process, came the adoption of Morocco's Constitution, through a popular referendum on the 1st of July 2011.

The initiative of an advanced regionalization is embodied in this Constitution which aims at achieving regional development in all regions of Morocco including the Sahara region in which good governance and equitable redistribution between the center and regions are to prevail.

In line with constitutional requirements as well as commitments made by the Kingdom of Morocco with respect to promoting democracy and advanced regionalization, Morocco's Economic, Social and Environmental Council developed an in-depth proposal for a new environmentally, sustainable and socially equitable growth model of the Sahara region. The goals are to create wealth and promote employment, particularly for young people.

This is an integrated, sustainable development project based on the active participation of citizens and the involvement of stakeholders to achieving social cohesion, prosperity and equitable benefit from the resources of the Sahara. The key objective concerns the diversification of local businesses and economic actors in order to encourage private initiatives and social economy.

It is worth mentioning that the proposal made by Morocco's Economic, Social and Environmental Council falls within the national policy already adopted and implemented by the Kingdom since the recovery of the Sahara in the 70s which has been addressing poverty alleviation and socio-economic sustainability through the creation of the "Development Agency of the Southern Provinces", the boost of investment and active participation of local population as well as local and national representatives in the Parliament in this process.

It is also important to refer to other experiences in the Arctic which show that autonomy is the adequate response and frame of a solution that could enhance economic development while avoiding disruption and dismantling of existing states in a time where the international trend is towards union and integration to face the challenges of today.

This is to say that an effective economic structure, ownership and management resources can be successful and in a dynamic way within the implementation of the advanced regionalization in the Sahara region. Accordingly, the principles of financial autonomy will be an important step forward in the consolidation of an effective management in the region.

Thank You Mr. Chair
