Marrakech Declaration

on National Mechanisms for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up in the field of human rights

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The City of Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco, hosted on December 7 and 8, 2022, an international seminar on National Mechanisms for Implementation Reporting and Follow-up (NMIRFs), organized by the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights, in partnership with the Danish Institute for Human Rights, and in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program. The seminar was attended by high-level participants, namely officials from ministerial departments and NMIRFs, alongside human rights experts, representing the different continents, as well as a significant participation of experts from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and qualitative participation of national, regional and international institutions working in the field of human rights.

After extensive in-depth discussions and constructive dialogues, which enabled sharing expertise, experiences, and best practices, as well as exchanging different perspectives and opinions, the proceedings of the international seminar concluded the following:

– Encourage the establishment and strengthening of NMIRFs, for which the mandate and attributions are defined by law;

– Provide the necessary political, technical and financial support to enable the NMRIFs to fulfil their roles and functions;

 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation and partnerships between NMIRFs.

- Commit to ensuring the holding of annual gatherings of NMIRFs;

– Establish an international network aiming to institutionalize the cooperation, partnership, dialogue and the exchange of expertise and experiences among NMIRFs. The network's final structure and governing principles will be agreed upon among this seminar's participating mechanisms, and its membership will stay open to NMIRFs;

– Elaborate a design proposition of this network, to be prepared by the national mechanisms of Paraguay, Portugal, and Morocco. The design proposition's elaboration will be coordinated by the Moroccan NMIRF, and will be presented for discussion and adoption during the next seminar.

– Promote the establishment and development of information systems to manage, process and analyze data related to the implementation of the recommendations of the UN and regional Human Rights mechanisms, exchange experiences and provide support and technical assistance thereon.

– Encourage the continuation and development of capacity building programs for NMIRFs and provide them with technical assistance.

- Continue the collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in their support and accompaniment of initiatives aiming to effectively implement this Marrakech Declaration.