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cc. H.H. Princess Lalla Journala Alaoui, Ambassador of the King of Morocco in the UK

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Your Excellency,

We are alarmed by the Moroccan authorities' announcement earlier this month that the **political prisoners, who were arrested for their participation in the Gdeim Izik camp in October 2010**, are going to be charged before a military court at the end of October 2012.

These are civilians, who peacefully demanded better living conditions, political rights and self-determination for the Sahrawi people. There are no grounds for trying them in a military court. Moreover, according to Moroccan law, detention should last for a maximum of one year until prisoners receive a court verdict, having had access to a defense attorney. The Gdeim Izik prisoners have already been under arrest for a year and 9 months without trial, suffering deplorable conditions in Sale Prison in Rabat.

We, the undersigned, urge you to use your influence to ensure that all individuals who were arrested during the Gdeim Izik camp in 2010 will receive a fair trial in a civilian court and that they will be released immediately and unconditionally should they not be convicted of any crime.

Yours sincerely,

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