

# SOLEMN APPEAL TO EXPEL THE PSEUDO-“SADR” FROM THE AFRICAN UNION

We, Former African Prime Ministers and former Ministers of Foreign Affairs;

Participating in the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the MEDays international forum, held from 2 to 5 November 2022, in Tangier, under the High Patronage of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI and organised by the Amadeus Institute;

Partaking, in this context, in the round table “*The African Union in Light of the Moroccan Sahara Issue*”, organised on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022;

Inspired by the Ideals of Pan-Africanism’s Founding Fathers, which promote unity, solidarity, cohesion and efficient economic cooperation between independent and sovereign African countries;

Strongly attached to said noble Ideals and actively endeavouring to materialise them across policies of States and relations among Nations, in the purpose of lending our voice to the Peace, Security, Concord and Unity we deem imperative in our continent;

Commending and commemorating the historical work of the Casablanca Group, its Pan-African ideals and the memory of its illustrious Host, His Late Majesty the King Mohammed V;

Aligned with the objectives and principles outlined in the Constitutive Act of the African Union in its Articles 3 and 4;

Reiterating the necessity to respect the principles of International Law, of Sovereignty and of the Independence of African States;

Striving for a strong continent, rid of ideologies from a bygone era that foster division;

Guided by the Pan-African sustainable vision of Agenda 2063, namely “*an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena.*”;

Aware of the imperative and urgency of continental and regional economic integration, through an immediate and effective implementation of the African

Common Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), whose success relies on the cornerstones of African economic unity: enabled Regional Economic Communities that ensure the free movement of people and goods;

Determined to combat any form of extremism, separatism and secessionism;

Taking note, with satisfaction, of the credible Pan-African intellectual dynamic, emerged in May 2021 in Mauritania which then expanded during the same year to Senegal, Ghana, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo – carried by political, economic and academic figures as well as credible representatives of civil societies from Angola, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia; a dynamic focusing on the incongruous presence of the pseudo-“sadr” in the African Union and on its regrettable consequences;

Raising, in turn, the bitter observation of the presence of a non-state and non-sovereign entity, in the African Union following the bias – more assimilable to a political and ideological coup rather than to a legal and legitimate act – carried out in 1982, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the Organization of African Unity;

Recalling that in His Message addressed to the 27<sup>th</sup> Summit of the African Union, held in Kigali in July 2016, His Majesty the King Mohammed VI formalized Morocco's desire to reintegrate its natural place within its African family, and that on the same occasion, twenty-eight (28) Heads of Member States personally signed a motion calling for the reintegration of Morocco together with the suspension of the pseudo-“sadr”;

Warmly welcoming the solemn return, in January 2017, of the Kingdom of Morocco, founding member state of the Organization of African Unity, to the African Union and the sustained efforts, commendable initiatives and sincere contributions that the Kingdom has since continued to render to the Objectives and Action of our continental organization, under the aegis of the Moroccan Sovereign;

Noting, with interest, that two-thirds of African States do not recognize or no longer recognize the pseudo-“sadr” and that half of the countries of the continent have, to date, opened Consulates in Laayoune and Dakhla ;

Advocating the need to correct the historical anomaly, the legal aberration and the political fallacy that is the illegal and illegitimate admission, then the unjustified

maintenance within the continental organisation, of the pseudo-“sadr”, and its negative operational impact;

Fully aware of the responsibility that is ours and of the prominence of such a document for the edification of a renewed, uninhibited and assumed Pan-Africanism,

1. Make a Solemn Appeal to expel from the African Union:

- a. In contravention to Articles 3(b) and 4(b) of the Constitutive Act of the African Union ;
- b. An artificial entity imposed upon the OAU/AU against any legitimacy or legality;
- c. An artificial entity which meets none of the State-constituting elements, namely a territory, a population and an effective government;
- d. An artificial entity with no sovereignty nor independence;
- e. An artificial entity that holds no international legal responsibility;
- f. An artificial entity with no added value that hinders the AU’s efficiency;
- g. An artificial entity threatening African Unity and political economic integration;
- h. An artificial entity threatening regional stability and security.

2. Request from the Amadeus Institute and its African partner Think Thanks to produce a **“White Book”**, gathering their analyses and their argued recommendations, emanating from this round table as well as from the conferences and meetings previously held in several countries of the continent;

3. Decide to establish a "Contact Group" to bring this **"Appeal of Tangier"** and the aforementioned **"White Book"** to African Heads of State and decision-makers of the African Union. The designated members of the **“Contact Group”** are:

- **H.E.M. Dileita Mohamed Dileita, former Prime Minister of Djibouti;**
- **H.E.M. Martin Ziguélé, former Prime Minister of Central African Republic;**
- **H.E.M. Lutfo Dlamini, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Eswatini ;**
- **H.E.M. Gbehzohngar Milton Findley, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia;**

- H.E.M. Régis Immongault Tatangani, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Gabon;
  - H.E.M. Francis Kasaila, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malawi;
  - H.E.M. Mankeur Ndiaye, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal;
  - H.E.M. Mamadi Touré, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guinea;
  - H.E.M. Rafael Tuju, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kenya.
4. Decide to remain mobilised for the achievement of this necessary objective for the credibility of the African Union, and therefore for the future of the continent.

**Done in Tangier, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**List of the personalities participating to the round table, formulating and adopting the “Appeal of Tangier” by acclamation:**

- H.E.M. Augusto Artur António da Silva, former Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau;
- H.E.M. Dileita Mohamed Dileita, former Prime Minister of Djibouti;
- H.E.M. Martin Ziguélé, former Prime Minister of Central African Republic;
- H.E.M. Mohamed Abdirizak Mohamud, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Somalia;
- H.E.M. Alpha Barry, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso;
- H.E.M. Lutfo Dlamini, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Eswatini ;
- H.E.M. Jean-Marie Ehouzou, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin;
- H.E.M. Fahmi Saïd Ibrahim El Maceli, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Comoros;
- H.E.M. Gbehzohngar Milton Findley, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia;
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- H.E.M. Francis Kasaila, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malawi;
- H.E.M. Luis Felipe Lopes Tavares, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cabo-Verde;
- H.E.M. Mankeur Ndiaye, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal;

- H.E.M. Léonard She Okitundu Lundula, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
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