

First Follow-up Meeting of the "Tangier Appeal"

Report

The signatories of the "Solemn Appeal for the expulsion of the pseudo-"sadr" from the African Union", known as the "Tangier Appeal", made public on November 4, 2022 in Tangier, gathered in Marrakech, on this January 28, 2023, on the occasion of the "First Follow-up Meeting of the "Tangier Appeal":

- Note with satisfaction the participation as new signatories of the "Tangier Appeal" of the following personalities :
 - H.E.Mr. Lamin Kaba Badjo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Republic of Gambia ;
 - H.E.Mr. Lesego Makgothi, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Lesotho ;
 - H.E.Mr. Patrick Rajoelina, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar.
- Reiterate their full commitment to work in concert and coordination for the exclusion of the pseudo-"sadr", this non-state entity, from the ranks of the African Union;
- Believe that this exclusion, legitimate from a legal point of view, should not be considered as an unattainable objective - because it is part of a favorable continental and international dynamic, consistent with AU governance and because it represents an indispensable prerequisite for the return of impartiality and credibility of the Pan-African Organization on the Sahara Issue.

Based on the various recommendations of the Pan-African Intellectual Campaign on African Union challenges in the light of the Sahara Issue, debated during five sub-regional seminars, organized between May and October 2021, in Nouakchott, Dakar, Accra, Dar Es-Salaam and Kinshasa, the signatories:

- Have taken note of the "White Book" draft presented by the "Contact Group members", of the "Tangier Appeal";
- Adopt unanimously, after having made their valuable contribution, this "White Book", entitled "*The African Union and the Sahara Issue - Final deliverable of a deep and inclusive Pan-African Intellectual Reflection*";
- Consider this "White Book" as the culmination of the intellectual phase of the Pan-African Campaign and a faithful reflection of the meetings and debates held;
- Believe that this "White Book", because it develops an irrefutable factual and legal argument, is a legal and political document of reference, informed by historical facts, which materializes a vision of a united Africa and a renewed Pan-Africanism, far from the ideologies of another time;
- Decide to take ownership of this "White Book" to advocate for it, and to make public its executive summary, attached to this release.

In accordance with the provisions of the "Tangier Appeal", the signatories agreed on an ambitious word and advocacy program to accelerate their common goal, the exclusion of the so-called "sadr" from the African Union.

For the "Contact Group" of the "Tangier Appeal"

