

## APPENDIX 1

# The charter of the UNFP

Morocco has reached a decisive moment in its history.

Facing imperialism which tries to maintain its rule and perpetuate its privileges under cover of formal independence, the nation has entered a transcendental phase of liberation and construction.

*After* three years of doubt and indecision that have blunted the enthusiasm of the popular masses and have almost carried the country to the edge of the abysm,

*And at a moment* when patriotic forces have recovered their dynamism and enthusiasm,

*Now* that a resolute and efficacious action has led to the removal of obstacles and constitutes an instrument of liberation and construction,

There arises an insidious policy of confusion and division that has led to the artificial multiplication of political groups, fomented with the aim of demoralizing the people and diverting them from the true struggle for the materialization of national objectives.

Aware of their responsibilities at this serious moment, the *signers* of the present manifesto, leaders of political, professional and cultural organizations,

Businessmen, workers, farmers, *fellahs*, industrialists and students,

*Diverse* in political creed and social background,

But *united* in an identical desire for union and patriotic action,

*Proclaim* that there is no contradiction between the interests of the different social sectors of the Moroccan people, and that only unity can overcome imperialist designs and ensure the materialization of national objectives,

*Affirm* that the political organizations in their present form are corrupt and incapable of educating and preparing the masses for constructive tasks, since they constitute an instrument of division and camouflage for the protection or acquisition of personal advantages, or favor foreign intervention or serve sordid and ulterior interests.

*Likewise,*

*Responding* to the call of their consciences and their patriotism and the desires expressed on several occasions by His Majesty the King,

*The signers*

*Decide* to abandon their political labels and in the same spirit of brotherhood,

*Found* the National Union of Popular Forces UNFP where every sincere patriot will be able to work positively, openly and with enthusiasm for:

- the consolidation of independence and the defense of the unity and integrity of national territory,
- the evacuation of foreign forces and the liquidation of the sequels of imperialism in the military, economic and technical spheres,
- the execution of a policy of economic liberation with the aim of guaranteeing full employment and social justice,
- an agrarian reform, the prerequisite for raising the standard of living of the peasant masses,
- a policy of industrialization and nationalization of the vital sectors of the economy in order to ensure a constant increase of the national income in benefit of the entire population,
- an urgent reform of the administrative structures and the formation of the bases for the construction of independence,
- a rational educational policy in keeping with the needs of the modern development of Morocco and the safeguard of its spiritual values,

- the implantation of real democracy which will guarantee all citizens participation in the administration of public affairs on a national and local level, within the framework of a constitutional monarchy, under the guidance of His Majesty Mohamed V,
- support of the Algerian people who are fighting for their liberation and for the construction of a unified Maghreb built on Arab brotherhood and African solidarity.
- a foreign policy based on the principles of independence, free cooperation, solidarity with the peoples struggling for their liberation and the consolidation of international peace.

The signers extend a fraternal and warm invitation, without discrimination or exception, to all sincere patriots to:

*Join* the ranks of the *National Union of Popular Forces*, forget their prejudices and rancors, abandon all party sectarianism, and in a spirit of harmony and brotherhood,

*Work* positively for the construction of a fraternal, prosperous and democratic Morocco under the eminent leadership of *His Majesty Mohamed V.*

Casablanca, September 6, 1959.