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Traité instituant l'Union du Maghreb arabe (avec déclaration). Conclu à Marrakech le 17 février 1989

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Enregistré par le Maroc le 9 septembre 1989.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE CLEMENT, THE MERCIFUL

TREATY³ INSTITUTING THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION

His Majesty Hassan II, King of the Kingdom of Morocco,

His Excellency Zein El Abidin Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia,

His Excellency Shadli Ben Jedid, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,

The leader of the Great first of September Revolution,

Colonel Muammar Kaddafi, the Great Arab People's Socialist Libyan Jamahiriya,

And His Excellency Colonel Muawiya Uld Sidi Ahmed Tayea, Chairman of the Military Committee for National Salvation and Head of State of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,

Having faith in the strong ties based on common history, religion and language that unite the peoples of the Arab Maghreb,

In response to the deep and firm aspirations of these peoples and their leaders to establish a Union that would reinforce the existing relations and provide them with the appropriate ways and means to gradually proceed toward achieving a more comprehensive integration among themselves,

Conscious that this integration will have effects that will enable the Arab Maghreb Union to acquire a specific weight allowing it to make an effective contribution to world balance, to the consolidation of peaceful relations within the international community and to the establishment of security and stability in the world,

Aware that the institution of the Arab Maghreb Union requires tangible achievements and the setting up of common rules embodying the effective solidarity among its components and ensuring their economic and social development,

Expressing their sincere determination to make the Arab Maghreb Union a means for the construction of total Arab unity and a starting point for a wider union comprising other Arab and African countries,

Have agreed on the following:

Article One

By virtue of this Treaty, a Union, to be called the "Arab Maghreb Union", is hereby instituted.

¹ Translation supplied by the Government of Morocco.

² Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement marocain.

³ Came into force on 1 July 1989, the date agreed upon by the Parties at a meeting held at Rabat on 30 June 1989 at which was recorded the completion of the ratification procedures provided for in article 19:

State
Algeria
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Mauritania
Morocco
Tunisia

Article Two

The Union aims at:

- Strengthening the ties of brotherhood which link the member States and their peoples to one another;
- Achieving progress and prosperity of their societies and defending their rights;
- Contributing to the preservation of peace based on justice and equity;
- Pursuing a common policy in different domains; and
- Working gradually towards achieving free movement of persons and transfer of services, goods and capital among them.

Article Three

The common policy referred to in the previous Article aims at reaching the following goals:

- In the international field: to achieve concord among the member States and establish between them a close diplomatic cooperation based on dialogue;
- In the field of defence: to preserve the independence of each of the member States;
- In the economic field: to achieve industrial, agricultural, commercial and social development of member States and take the necessary measures for this purpose particularly by setting up joint ventures and working out general and specific programmes in this respect;
- In the cultural field: to establish a cooperation aimed at promoting education on its various levels, at safeguarding the spiritual and moral values emanating from the tolerant teachings of Islam, and at preserving the Arab national identity, and to take the necessary measures to attain these goals, particularly by exchanging teachers and students and creating joint university and cultural institutions as well as joint institutions specialized in research.

Article Four

The Union shall have a Presidential Council composed of the Heads of State of the member States and constituting the supreme authority of the Union.

The chairmanship of the Council shall be for a period of six months in rotation among the Heads of State of the member States.

Article Five

The Presidential Council of the Union shall hold its ordinary sessions every six months; it may hold extraordinary sessions whenever deemed necessary.

Article Six

Only the Presidential Council shall have the authority to take decisions, and its decisions shall be taken unanimously.

Article Seven

The Prime Ministers of the member States, or their homologues, may meet whenever deemed necessary.

Article Eight

The Union shall have a Council of Foreign Ministers which shall prepare the sessions of the Presidential Council and look into the points submitted by the follow-up Committee and the specialized ministerial Committees.