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A statement of solidarity

Party members of the Arab social democratic forum (ASDF) followed with great interest the outcome of the seventh national conference of the Women organization of the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), held in Rabat in late December of last year.

We are deeply concerned about accusing comrade Idris Lashkar, the Secretary General of the USFP, of apostasy in response to his opening speech. Comrade Lashkar called for a public debate on ways to ensure full equality between women and men especially in issues pertaining to inheritance, marriage of minors and polygamy.

The Arab Social Democratic Forum, based on its modern progressive values would like to express its full solidarity with the Secretary General of the USFP against the smear campaign and the hate speech that clearly violates freedom of expression and threatens the basics of peaceful coexistence between different factions.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the women organization for its approval on unconditional gender equality and their undaunted approach to issues related to women's rights, in accord with the international human rights standards

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