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ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

Candidature

of

Mr. Abdelwahad RADI (Morocco)

On 21 April 2011, the Secretary General received a letter from the Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives presenting his candidature for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 189th session of the Governing Council.

The text of this communication and the curriculum vitae of Mr. A. Radi are to be found in Annexes I and II.

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MOROCCO**

Rabat, 20 April 2011

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to submit my candidature for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, to be filled at the next session of the Governing Council.

I wish to bring to your attention the fact that I had the honour of representing the Arab Group on the Executive Committee from October 2004 to October 2008 before holding the post of Vice-President of the Executive Committee from October 2007 to October 2008.

My decision to apply for this post is driven by my desire to serve the noble goals of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, strengthen cooperation and deepen dialogue among the peoples' representatives on the different challenges facing the world today.

It goes without saying that for decades we have been following all IPU meetings and conferences, and supporting its activities and initiatives, always endeavouring to guarantee their implementation for a world where security, peace, stability and justice can rein.

My candidature is also based on my strong conviction that parliamentarians play a key role in achieving these objectives, the development of our societies and the promotion of international relations with a view to raising them to the level of our peoples' expectations and aspirations.

Allow me to seize this opportunity to reaffirm my determination to work resolutely with all the Speakers of the various parliaments of the world in the service of realizing the IPU's goals.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Abdelwahad RADI
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of Morocco

CURRICULUM VITAE
of
Mr. Abdelwahad RADI
Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco

Personal data and education

- Born on 4 January 1935 in Salé, where he attended primary school
- Obtained his high school diploma in Rabat
- Pursued his tertiary education at the University of Sorbonne, Paris

Student and other associations

- 1958 to 1960 - General Secretary of the National Union of Moroccan Students in France (UNEM)
- One of the founders of the Confederation of North African Students
- 1955 to 1956 - a founding and active member of many social, cultural and trade-union associations

Political party functions

- November 2008 - elected First Secretary of the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP)
- 2005 - chaired the 7th National Congress
- 2003 - elected First Deputy Secretary of the USFP
- 2001 - chaired the 6th National Congress
- 1989 to date - a member of the Political Bureau of the USFP
- 1967 - elected to the Administrative Committee of the UNFP
- 1962 - elected to the National Council of the UNFP
- 1959 - one of the founders of the National Union of Popular Forces Party (UNFP), currently the Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP)

Academic career

- Professor of social psychology at Mohamed V University, Rabat
- Head of the Department of Philosophy, Sociology and Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Mohamed V University

Trade union activities

- 1968 to 1974 - General Secretary of the national trade union of higher education (SNE-sup)

Parliamentary functions

- Member of Parliament since 1963, re-elected for the following legislatures: 1977-1984; 1984-1993; 1993-1997; 1997-2002; 2002-2007; and 2007-2012
- 9 April 2010 - Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 2002 to 2007 - Speaker of the House of Representatives

- 1997 to 2002 - Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 1993 - First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
- 1977 to 1983 - President of the Socialist Party parliamentary group in the House of Representatives
- 1963 to 1964 - Chairperson of the Committee on Public Service and Administrative Reform
- 1963 to 1964 - Vice President of the House Itihadi Group

Government posts

- 15 October 2007 - appointed Minister of Justice by His Majesty King Mohammed VI
- 1984 - nominated General Secretary of the Arab-African Union
- 1983 - appointed Minister of International Cooperation by the late King Hassan II

Regional and international parliamentary functions

- March 2011 to date - President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM) and President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM),
- October 2007 to October 2008 - Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the IPU
- On 11 September 2006, elected President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean
- Participated in the work of the international working group tasked with preparing a handbook on *Parliament and democracy in the twenty-first century: A guide to good practice*
- October 2004 to October 2008 - elected member of the Executive Committee of the IPU
- 2001 to 2004 - President of the Parliamentary Union of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Member States (PUOICM)
- October 1988 to March 2004 - elected co-President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum (currently the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM))
- September 2001 to March 2003 - President of the Consultative Council of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)
- President of the 107th IPU Assembly (Marrakech, 2002)
- Contributed to the work of the preparatory committee of the First World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (New York, 2000)
- Chaired the EMPA working group on peace and security in the Middle East
- Participated in all IPU Conferences/Assemblies since 1990

Local government functions

- President of a communal council
- Chaired a provincial council and a regional council