



TANZANIA PEACE FOUNDATION

Press Statement

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The Moroccan Official News Agency and other Moroccan media have posted, on 16th October 2021; a communique wrongly attributed to Tanzania Peace Foundation (TPF) as outcome of a Moroccan propaganda the meeting organized in Dar Es Salaam in the same day. In this regard the TPF finds as an imperative to make the following clarifications:

- 1) The communique is a unilateral initiative of the Moroccan delegation participating in the aforementioned gathering. Tanzania Peace Foundation (TPF) rejects categorically the spirit and substance of that communique whose main objective is to sow confusion and division.
- 2) The aim of the meeting was to engage African stakeholders and find better solution to the Morocco and Saharawi Republic (SADR) issue in aspects of the UN and African Union but not blaming or condemn any side either Morocco or Saharawi Republic (SADR)
- 3) The United Republic of Tanzania was one of the first countries to recognize the Saharawi Republic (SADR) with which maintain full diplomatic relations and is not up to us, as civil society, to go beyond our awareness-raising role to dictate to others the position they should adopt.
- 4) The content and language used in the communique is unacceptable for those of us who fight for a united and free Africa. Morocco is free to believe in its self-generated propaganda; however it does not any right to force others to do the same.
- 5) The Saharawi Republic (SADR) is a founder member of the African Union and the Frente POLISARIO is the unique and legitimate representative of the Saharawi people and nobody could talk on their behalf.

The lawsuit filed by the Frente POLISARIO, the European Court of Justice annulled, on 29 September 2021, two agreements between the EU and Morocco because they didn't respect the International Status of Western Sahara and its people. The nature of Western Sahara issue is clear as a problem of decolonisation to be solved according to the AU/UN settlement plan through a free and fair referendum.

- 6) Finally, Tanzania Peace Foundation (TPF) takes this opportunity to sincerely apologise for any inconvenient that may be occurred.

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