



**Statement of the Kingdom of Morocco on behalf of the Core Group in the debate on
the negative impact of corruption on human rights during the 13th session of the
Advisory Committee**

Mr. Chair of the Advisory Committee,
Distinguished members of the Advisory Committee,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Core Group of the following states: Austria, Indonesia, Poland and the Kingdom of Morocco.

The Core Group would like to thank the Advisory Committee, and in particular the Rapporteur of the drafting group on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of human rights, Mrs. Katahrina Pabel, for the submission of the final research based report in conformity with HRC decision adopted in its 26th session and resolution 23/9 initiated by Morocco, Austria, Indonesia and Poland.

The Core Group notes with satisfaction the report and underlines the necessity to address both the substantive recommendations as well as procedural recommendations. The report identifies the nexus between corruption and human rights as a critical aspect that needs further research. Corruption and Human Rights bear a mutual impact and we agree that what is missing at this stage, are strategies to implement the substantive linkage in concrete measures.

Equally important is the fact that anti-corruption measures where they have a Human Rights impact, should fully integrate a Human Rights approach. In this regard, a focus on preventive measures can be a promising start. The report underscores that "preventive measures are the most effective measures to counter corruption and to avoid its negative impact on the enjoyment of Human Rights".

Indeed, the Core Group supports a holistic and integrated approach aimed at curbing the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of Human Rights. Measures can be taken and mechanisms can be put in place in order to create an enabling environment to prevent the occurrence of corruption. We believe that national anti-corruption institutions, Parliaments, NHRIs, civil society and the media play an important role in awareness raising, legislation development and implementation.

For these measures to be effective at the national level, there is a need for a concerted effort at the international level and in particular in the Human Rights Council. In this regard, ~~we take note with appreciation of the recommendations contained in your report which can serve as a guidance in our future efforts to counter the negative impact of corruption on Human Rights.~~

Four actions can be pursued in the immediate term:

- the sharing and dissemination of best practices is important through the OHCHR. We support the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the OHCHR conduct a study in this field through its competent bodies;
- the inclusion in Human Rights education programmes and trainings on the negative impact of corruption on the enjoyment of Human Rights;
- the enhanced involvement of Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the HRC to integrate the human rights perspective in the anti-corruption strategy. We take note with interest of the recommendation of the Committee in this regard.
- the encouragement to pay more attention to the issue of corruption in the reporting of the UPR.