



The International Conference on Diabetes and Nutrition Marrakech on 29 and 30 May 2015

Call of Marrakech for a better implementation of the internationally recognized rights of Diabetes affected individuals in the MENA Region

We, the participants in the International Symposium on Diabetes and Nutrition, organized by the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes and **under the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI** on 29 and 30 May 2015 in Marrakech;

- **Welcome the initiative of the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes** scheduled for a session dedicated to the approach of "Rights of persons suffering from diabetes," according to the common standards and international conventions related to the issue;
- **Raising awareness on the urgent need to improve the conditions of diabetes people** given its worrisome developments related to pandemic epidemiological and demographic transition phenomenon in the MENA Region and the world with its serious repercussions on health, economy and society in general;
- **Actively Embrace the global dynamics of advocacy** for the protection of "Rights of persons suffering from Diabetes" (UN, WHO, IDF, etc ..); recalling the Declaration of Alma-Ata on primary health care;
- **Recall the qualification of the individual by the WHO** in 1946 as bio psychosocial beings including the physical, social and mental aspects;
- **Recall also the importance of the UN Declaration on Diabetes in 2006** recognizing it as a chronic disease associated with severe health complications and risks for both patients and their families; together with detritus effects on development in different societies;
- **Referring also to the Political Declaration on NCDs** launched at the UN in 2011, placing them at the head of the agenda of the UN health development;
- **Based on the resolutions, directives and programs** from WHO and IDF for better prevention and management of diabetic people, empowering the health sector with the basic requirements adopted by international bodies above;
- **Appreciate particularly the IDF initiative** to develop "A Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of People with Diabetes" structured around three main axes, namely

the rights to access to care, the right to information and education and the right to social justice;

- **Passionate for better enforcement and compliance** with the principles and provisions contained in international declarations and conventions related to the protection of health including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 25), the International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Article 12), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Article 12), the convention related to people suffering from diabetes (Article 27), Convention 187 on the promotional framework for occupational safety and health, etc ...

- **Draw attention of our country members** in the MENA Region for a better respect of "Rights of persons suffering from diabetes," according to international standards and practices, and invite all countries in the region to ratify the above conventions.

- **Urge all Governments in the MENA Region to initiate and / or strengthen public policies and action plans that guarantee the effective satisfaction of people with diabetes their legitimate rights.**

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In behalf of the participants of the International Conference
On Diabetes and Nutrition

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