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## Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco

### Amendment<sup>1</sup> No. 8

tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

*In the draft resolution, after paragraph 8, insert the following paragraph:*

“Reiterating that the recommendations set out in paragraph 8 of its Resolution 1818 (2011) are essential to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Morocco, the Assembly calls on the Moroccan authorities to make greater efforts in order to achieve decisive progress in these areas, and invites them to rely on the Council of Europe expertise to facilitate this process, be it at the level of technical expertise, exchange of good practice, and/or parliamentary support”.

### *Explanatory note*

The areas covered in Resolution 1818 are essential to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and complementary/explanatory to the political commitments undertaken by the Moroccan Parliament when requesting the status of partner for democracy. In the areas covered by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, the political commitments *stricto sensu* are rather limited, as they refer only to ‘encouraging the balanced participation of women and men in public life and politics’. In order to assess the impact of the status of partner for democracy, it is necessary to take into account a broader range of fundamental human rights issues.

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