**Geneva Round-Table Meeting: The Real Representatives of Sahrawis**

The presence of Sidi Hamdi Ould Errachid and Ynja Khattat, presidents of the Laayoune-Sakia El-Hamra and Dakhla-Oued Eddahab regions respectively, in addition to Fatima Adli, community actor from the city of Smara, reinforces the legitimate representation of the Moroccan Sahara's populations via a local representation at the level of elected members of civil society.

Sidi Hamdi Ould Errachid, president of the Laayoune-Sakia El Hamra region, is also deputy-mayor of the city of Laayoune. He is a member of the Rguibat tribe which had represented, in 1974, a quarter of the Sahrawi population during the Spanish census.

Ynja Khattat, president of the Dakhla-Oued Eddahab region, is a former member of the polisario and has joined Morocco in the 90s.

An economic operator in Dakhla, Ynja traveled often to Brussels and Strasbourg to defend the agricultural and fisheries agreements between Morocco and the EU and undo the polisario's allegations concerning the exploitation of the southern provinces' resources. It is the perfect example of a man, of Saharwi origin, who decided one day to unfollow the lure of separatism and return to the motherland to contribute to Morocco's socio-economic development.

For Fatima Adli, she is taking part in the meeting as a community actor and a member of the municipal council of Smara.

Present in the Sahrawi political scene since early 2000, she has represented her region in several national and international events to testify to the dynamism taking place in Morocco's southern provinces and the involvement of Sahrawi women in managing public affairs.

In September 2011, she was among the Moroccan delegation sent to the UN in New York to defend the Kingdom's positions during the 4th committee.

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