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Motivation

Way before the creation of our union, we have encountered the influence of fascists and hidebound extremists. Today we are still facing this growing influence in our quest for a more equitable and more righteous world. These cells always opposed our commitment to promote freedom, equality, and democracy, and led us into the gravest socio-economic conditions. Because of the influence of these factions, we have gone through a century that is characterized by discrimination and marginalization against minority groups and interests.

The lives of citizens have been impacted by the extreme capitalist policies inflicted by these parties, this has invigorated various youth and civil society movements, grievously, they encountered obstructions of inflexible results, as well as the several divergences of the left groups concerning the values and ideals of our common fight and vision. Our search for the solutions was veiled by our hopelessness against the oppressors of our human rights and freedom.

Today we are a powerful Union, I completely believe in our organization, which has always been a pillar in the defense and the campaign of our leftist beliefs, we are the largest youth organization in the world and our union will always be present to ensure a better future for coming generations, as well as to disseminate our ideals of freedom, equality and democracy. Socialists, social democrats or democratic socialists, we must blend around our shared values and visions to fight against starvation, disparity, inequality, and division in our world politics and the advancement of humankind.

I am confident of the experiences obtained so far as a member of the national office of the Ittihadia Youth and the national council of the party, these backgrounds have bolstered my dogma that collectively we can accomplish a lot more.
Political Programs and Visions

If I am elected as IUSY Vice President, I will work to improve our advocacy forces to overcome the current challenges encountered by our movement around the world. I am trusting that our advocacy for the respect of fundamental human rights, equality, justice and equity will expend to cover the globe if we endeavor to become the voice of reason. I aim to focus on many issues, but those which I prioritize are:

1- Parity:
As a concept and a goal that strives to acknowledge the equal value of women and men, parity, is an essential feature of our commitment to attain our democracy goals. As vice-president of IUSY, I will ensure the fulfillment at all levels of our commitment to make visible the equal dignity of women and men so that they can enjoy equality and freedom in their participation at all levels and in all spheres.

2- The modernization of penal code:
The modernization of penal code guarantees the respect of fundamental human rights (specially the safety of media professionals), and the harmonization of the texts with international conventions and the introduction of new crimes including genocide enforced disappearance, ethnic and racial cleansing and femicide.
I expect to focus on the concept of public order, the humanization of sentences, the adequacy between legal management and the degree of responsibility, the adequacy of the sentence and the crime, the personalization of responsibility.
In many developing countries where democracy is not implemented or where governments are manipulated by mafias and corruption, violations against journalists and media employees are a weapon used to silence free voices and install terror among the population. An example of it is the murder of Malta’s best known investigative journalist, Daphne Caruana Galizia, I believe that When they go unpunished, onslaughts on journalists send a very negative message to common people and leads the community to lose confidence in its judicial system, which is supposed to defend the rights of everyone. Perpetrators of crimes against journalists are therefore encouraged when they realize that they can assault their targets without ever being brought to justice.
The safety of media professionals is an important concern for all of us. It is crucial for the maintenance of the fundamental right that is freedom of expression for all - the right to seek, receive and share information.

3- Territorial justice:
Our union strives for spreading social justice and equality in all territories and countries. our work to chase poverty, unemployment and to give access to welfare services is a vital stream for our organization’s quest for social equity. As a Vice
President of IUSY, I will make sure to come up with the most innovative and efficient programs focused on both social and economic equalities.

3- Climate injustice:
While facing the phenomenon of rising average oceanic and atmospheric temperatures, Disadvantaged groups continue to be disproportionately affected as climate change perseveres. It is the impoverished and disadvantaged who face the unimaginable consequences of these changes, extending from displacement to starvation, poverty and mortality in many cases. I plan to actively uphold the duty of preserving our ecosystem from the activities of companies that cause a significant threat to our lives.

**Increase IUSY's presence in Morocco**

Morocco is an Arab Muslim country of about 35 million people. But it is also a melting-pot of cultures made diverse by the successive newcomers due to its strategic geographic location (North West Africa). Communities live in harmony each respecting others’ differences. The numerous migrations that Morocco has experienced have created a spirit of tolerance and openness. Down the centuries Morocco has been capable to encourage cohabitation between cultures. Mutual respect between religions practiced in the country has given birth to a peaceful society that shares traditions and values. Morocco has always fostered a spirit of dialogue between religions and cultures for the promotion of progress and peace.

Yet, Morocco like all the countries of the world is faced with cleavages between conservatives and progressives. A very jittery debate regarding individual liberties is having place over the last decade. This is a cause that is important to our party (USFP) and specifically to the youth. We in Ittihadia Youth are actively involved in this debate through the various deliberations and workshops reserved for the sensitization of the citizens of this fundamental right. Our party defends these positions on the parliamentary and governmental scene. IUSY can contribute to make a change in Morocco by developing activities and by coaching and hoisting the potentials of young leaders. This could be accomplished through continuous training and follow-ups. We can focus particularly on:

- Opening to the needs of Moroccan youth leaders and help them overcome their current hindrances,
- Providing more technical and practical training while working on real-time projects.
At IUSY, we have what it takes to make the world a better place than it is now. The resolute solidarity of our members is making our union more robust and able to achieve more than our existing goals. With these hopes for an engaged and a proactive Union, I plead you all to support my candidacy as Vice President of IUSY.

With Socialist Regards,

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