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## Press Release

# Energy and the Mediterranean: a social dimension

**Mediterranean Conference on Energy  
Casablanca – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2009**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2009, the International Association Droit à l'Energie SOS Futur and its Moroccan adherents, in partnership with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco will host in Casablanca (Rivoli Hotel), a Mediterranean Conference on Energy, two days of meetings and debates on energy issues in the Mediterranean region.

This event will bring together over 300 participants including many representatives of governments, energy companies and leaders of civil society in countries around the Mediterranean.

With the approach of the Copenhagen Summit, energy development in the Mediterranean region, which relies heavily on nonrenewable fossil fuels that can not, by nature, continue indefinitely and the lack of control on consumption, is now doubling from the point of view of resources, but also the greenhouse gas emissions.

While the 21 Mediterranean countries have very unequal resources and consumptions, they must all meet the needs involved in the economic and social development, and anticipate the impacts that may irreversibly affect our common heritage which is the Mediterranean basin. The greenhouse effect and climate change, mainly consequences of the nonrenewable types of energy production and consumption, constitute a serious threat to the region and beyond. These challenges require to the Mediterranean countries complementarily, working together, cooperation, solidarity and dialogue.

**Confirmed participants up to date:** Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Presidency of the French Republic (Union Pour la Méditerranée), World Bank, Confrontations Europe, French Council of Energy, EUROMED, European Investment Bank, Anna Lindh Foundation, MEDenergie, LAFARGE, Network of Electricity Transport (RTE), VEOLIA, METRAGAZ, National Electricity Office (ONE), AREVA , Procter&Gamble (P&G).

### **A press conference is scheduled for:**

Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 at 10h00

Rivoli Hotel (Casablanca-Morocco)

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