

**Common statement Morocco-Netherlands**

The Convention on Social Security between Morocco and the Netherlands is not the appropriate venue to address the Sahara issue. The Convention contains clear and specific commitments relating to social rights of individuals. Both parties are endeavouring to implement these commitments objectively and in good faith. This implementation is not – and should not become – the vector for political stances that are unrelated to the goals and objectives of the Convention. The Sahara issue is subject of a negotiation process underway in the framework of the United Nations. The Netherlands supports the UN efforts to reach a mutually acceptable political solution to this dispute. Currently no export of social benefits to the region takes place.