

TO THE ROYAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE
PETITION FOR PARDON

The Honourable undersigned, Italian and European Parliamentarians

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His Royal Highness Mohammed VI took into consideration the case of Mr BRITEL ABOU ELKASSIM, prisoner in the jail of Ain Borja, sentenced of 9 years' penal servitude in January 2004 by the Court of Appeal in Rabat, his petition to the Cour Suprême having been rejected in October 2004, in compliance with the offence of subversive association and organization of unauthorized sessions.

The sentence is grounded on the typology of life Mr Britel used to lead in Italy, where he lived (in Bergamo) and where he had married an Italian woman.

During his stay in Italy he has provided for his mother and sisters who still live in Morocco in straitened circumstances.

The accusations he had been charged with in Italy – where he was under investigation for a period longer than five years, because of a libellous press campaign – turned out to be “clearly unfounded” as underlined by the examining judge in the nolle prosequi of 29.09.06.

The Commission TDIP of European Parliament through the draft of 24.11.06 “*urges Italian Government to take concrete measures in order to obtain the immediate release of Abou ElKassim Britel*”.

On 14.12.06 the State Undersecretary of Justice, Luigi Li Gotti, answering the interpellation of Honourable Locatelli concerning what happened to Mr Britel, underlined the fact that “*the case described in the interpellation is one of the most alarming and interesting*” and ensured his commitment.

During these years he suffered deeply, as a result, he is worn out and dispirited.

He has been deprived of his freedom and kept away from the ones he loves; the same suffering has been inflicted upon his family.

His wife, Khadija, who chose to embrace Islamism 11 years ago, has been trying to help him travelling to Morocco from time to time and keeping on working in order to face the economical burden of such a situation .

Considering the facts hereby mentioned, reasserting our opposition to terrorism, as well as our belief in the possibility of fighting against it avoiding any form of violation of human rights in compliance with the principle of the rule of law, we humbly petition for pardon in favour of our fellow countryman BRITEL ABOU ELKASSIM, in order that he may be allowed to leave Morocco and be reunited with his family in Bergamo.

Relying on His Highness's will to comply with this humanitarian request, we wish prosperity to His Highness and His Country.

Rome – Bruxelles – Rabat, January 2007

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Hon. Francesco Martone
Hon. Giusto Catania
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