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The problem of the rights of indigenous populations does not arise in Morocco since all citizens, whether living in the town or the country, enjoy the same rights and are subject to the same obligations.

The fact that certain areas of the country have particular traditions, their own dialects and a provincial way of life in no way bears upon their enjoyment of rights and religious practices.

Moroccans enjoy equal freedom, equal justice and equal treatment at law in all areas, whether family relations, inheritance, civil or commercial affairs, real estate or administrative matters are concerned.

The division of the country into administrative areas and provinces, while taking into account natural economic regions, is not designed to emphasize the presence of indigenous populations enclosed within fixed borders.

Mixing of the population takes place as a result of the freedom of movement of all individuals, marriage and the migration of rural populations to the towns.

Each and every Moroccan, whatever his ethnic origin, colour or religion, is entitled to education, health, medical care and other social services. He has the right to social security and to protection under the labour legislation.

He is free to engage in commerce and to maintain economic, technical, cultural and social relations without hindrance.

He may write and publish and is entitled to protection of copyright.

He is entitled to free access to the courts in order to

protect his rights in all matters.

Professionally, he is free to pursue the career of his choice, either in the private or in the public sector.

He is free but under no pressure to join associations, parties or trade unions.

Thus, in Morocco the problem of the protection of indigenous populations does not arise. Everyone enjoys the right to life, physical and mental integrity and security in all areas.

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