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JOINT STATEMENT ON SOLIDARITY WITH MOROCCO BY INDIA, AFRICAN UNION, IMF, EU, WBANK

AMID THE EARTHQUAKE OF 9 SEPT 23

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"With all our international partners, we stand by Morocco to provide all the necessary support for any urgent short term financial needs and for the reconstruction efforts.

"To this end, we will mobilize our technical and financial tools and assistance in a coordinated way to help the people of Morocco overcome this terrible tragedy". Source: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

THE 27 EU LEADERS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH MOROCCO IN A LETTER SENT BY CHARLES MICHEL TO HM MOHAMMED VI THE KING OF MOROCCO

The EU and its member states sent a letter Saturday to Moroccan King Mohammed VI, conveying solidarity and condolences after a devastating earthquake struck the North African nation.

The letter, led by Charles Michel, the President of the European Council, opens with sincere condolences for the tragic loss of life from the quake.

"We are deeply saddened by the devastating consequences of this tragic event. The European Union and its Member States stand in full solidarity with the people of Morocco in this difficult moment,

"As close friends and partners of Morocco, we are ready to assist in any way You may deem useful," it said.

The letter is signed by Michel, leaders of all EU member states and Ursula Von der Leyen, the head of the European Commission.

At least 2,012 people were killed and 2,059 injured in the quake that struck late Friday.

Fatalities from the magnitude-7 tremor occurred in various regions, including El-Houz, Taroudant, Chichaoua, Tiznit, Marrakech, Azilal, Agadir, Casablanca and Youssoufia. " Source European Union

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