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ANOCA IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE MOROCCAN PEOPLE IN DISTRESS





On the night of Friday 8 to Saturday 9 September 2023, several towns in the Marrakech region were hit by a magnitude 6.8 earthquake, which left thousands dead and hundreds missing. The earthquake also caused enormous damage, creating fear and panic not only in Marrakech, a tourist mecca, but also in other cities in the Kingdom of Morocco.

In the face of such a tragedy, the African Olympic and Sports Movement wishes to express its **SOLIDARITY** to all the Moroccan people.

ANOCA Executive Committee members hereby express their sympathy to the families of the victims and, above all, to the Moroccan Olympic and Sports Movement.





The other 53 National Olympic Committees of Africa are equally appalled and shocked by this tragedy and would like once again to express their sincere condolences and offer their support to the athletes and coaches of Moroccan sport.

For ANOCA, this tragedy is a time for reflection and compassion. The Honourable Mustapha Berraf, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, ANOCA:

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Our thoughts are naturally with the Moroccan people as a whole. Aware of the pain and distress caused by such a tragic event, in this moment of grief, ANOCA stands with the Kingdom of Morocco and wishes to assure it of its unfailing support.





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