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Paper Title: Towards Gender Equality in Morocco: Recent Legal Successes, Issues with Implementation, Gaps in the Law, and Hope for the Future

Abstract: Our paper explored Morocco’s struggles and successes in achieving legal gender equality by focusing on three separate areas. First, we looked at economic rights and opportunities for women in Morocco. Then we examined Morocco’s existing inheritance and ownership rights, and the effect of both laws and customs on women’s ability to achieve true equality. Finally, we explored how European Union and Moroccan immigration and refugee policies work against irregular migrant and refugee women, their lack of legal protections in Morocco, and the gender-specific dangers and challenges they face at every stage of their journeys. Our research largely focused on how Morocco has made progress in the area of women’s rights while still remaining true to its foundation in Islamic law. We concluded that while Morocco has made significant progress towards gender equality, there are still areas that need improvement, particularly in the education of rural women, implementation and enforcement of gender laws, and protection of migrant and refugee women.