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Paper Title: **An Examination of the Moroccan Intellectual Property Infrastructure**

**Abstract: This paper is an examination of the intellectual property legal infrastructure in place in Morocco with a particular emphasis on patents and trademarks. Economically, Morocco ranks in the bottom half of all the countries in the world based on Morocco's gross domestic product per capita. One would not expect such a country to have a developed intellectual property infrastructure in place. However, Morocco has done a lot recently to develop its intellectual property system. Despite Morocco's economic position in the world, it is doing a good job of developing its intellectual property infrastructure and modernizing its intellectual property laws. Morocco is doing its best to keep up with the rest of the world, and it is succeeding.**

**The first part of this paper discusses the basis for Morocco's intellectual property laws. This section also discusses the affects that various international treaties have had on the development of Morocco's intellectual property laws. The paper will then discuss why Morocco has been developing its intellectual property laws. Afterwards, the paper points out some of the existing issues with Morocco's intellectual property infrastructure. The paper then discusses what needs to be done and what is being done to address these issues.**