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TO : WVF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS
CC : Members of the Executive Board
Président d'Honneur
Honorary President and Vice Presidents

Dear Colleague,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing away of Mr. Mohammed Benjelloun, former Secretary General of the WVF, on 11 December 2016.

Mr. Mohammed Benjelloun was born on 13 November 1936 in Marrakech, Morocco. Having graduated from INSEE (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies) in Paris, 1961, Mr. Benjelloun started his career as Director of Planning and Statistics in Morocco, from 1961 to 1964. He then became Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning, until 1971. During the three years which followed, he held the positions of Minister of National Defence and then of Administration of National Defence. In 1974, he was named High Commissioner of Former Resistant and Former Members of the Liberation Army of Morocco, a position he held until 2001.

Mohammed Benjelloun was an active and valued member of the Veterans Community in Morocco and internationally. He was Chairman of the WVF Standing Committee on African Affairs from 1995 to 2001, Vice President of the Federation from 1994 to 2003, and Honorary Vice President of the WVF since 2003.

He was elected Secretary General of the World Veterans Federation in 2007 and served in this position until the 28th General Assembly, held in Sopot, Poland, in September 2015.

Mr. Benjelloun will be remembered for his devotion to the veteran cause both in Morocco and abroad and for his support of and commitment to the WVF. He will be greatly missed as a colleague and a friend. Our thoughts and sympathy are with his family at this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent to the WVF Secretariat who will convey them to his family.

Yours sincerely,

Dan-Viggo Bergtun
President