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Abstract:

The Effectiveness of Consular Diplomacy in Asserting the Territorial Sovereignty of the Kingdom of Morocco over the Sahara Region

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in Light of Geostrategic Changes and the Map of International Alliances Morocco has adopted a new strategy based on economic and political diplomacy, linking its autonomy initiative to an international context that advocates for a project that ensures security and stability in the region while preserving the interests of major powers in Africa. Through its experience in managing the conflict, Morocco has realized that linking geography to the Sahara issue and stability in the Sahel region could be the card that gives Rabat an edge in the battle. Morocco has not only focused on listing countries that have withdrawn or frozen their recognition of the "Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic" but has also adopted a policy of consolidating international recognition of its sovereignty over its entire territory by hosting general consulates in its southern provinces.

Despite the jurisprudential discrepancy regarding the association of consular missions with recognition of territorial sovereignty, the development of consular missions' tasks has led to a growing consensus among scholars towards the direction of sovereign recognition. The difference remains in describing it as implicit or explicit. Based on this, this study aims to investigate the new mechanisms for managing the Western Sahara-Moroccan issue, centered on the concept of consular diplomacy, with the goal of determining its legal status and effects that are expected to extend to defining the future foundations of the issue at both international and regional levels.

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