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Dear Madame Mayor,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the exploitation of captive Barbary macaques and other wild animals in Jemaa El Fna, Marrakesh.

The treatment of these animals is a distressing example of cruelty and exploitation. Monkeys are often seen being dragged along with chains around their necks, dressed in inappropriate clothing, and used as props for tourist photographs. This not only raises serious ethical questions but also highlights the severe distress these animals endure.

I am alarmed by the possibility that these monkeys are captured from the wild, and I worry about the traumatic experiences they may have faced, as well as the poor living conditions to which they are subjected. It is unacceptable that such activities appear to be permitted in your city under your authority. This exploitation tarnishes the reputation of Marrakesh and does not reflect the values of its people. Moreover, it shocks tourists, many of whom do not wish to visit Morocco again after witnessing such cruelty.

It is worth mentioning that Morocco has recently enacted national legislation aimed at protecting wildlife from overexploitation, with fines of up to USD 10,000 for trading any species within the highest protection category (e.g., species included on CITES Appendix I) according to *Law n°29-05 on the Protection of Species of Flora and Fauna and the Control of their Trade*. Despite these new laws, illegal trade continues unabated; wild animals are still sold openly across the kingdom, both alive and dead.

I stand in solidarity with the Humane Society of Morocco/Société Protectrice des Animaux du Maroc, respectfully urging you and the authorities in Marrakesh to take decisive action to end the abuse of wild animals in your city once and for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]