

to competent Moroccan authorities. According to the answers by the competent Moroccan authorities, his fingerprints were not found in the database of fingerprints established in 2008. Since Mr. Ben Cheref applied for asylum in Sweden in 2006 his fingerprints may exist in paper copies in Morocco and a manual search might be required.

Given that the Moroccan Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Director of Consular Affairs, once again has underlined that Swedish prosecutors should submit a *commission rogatoire* in order to take further actions in this case (for example to investigate a certain telephone number) we wish to clarify the Swedish legal system in deportation cases.

According to Swedish law (Aliens Act (2005: 716) 12 Chapter 14 § 3 paragraph, point 2), a court's decision on expulsion shall be executed by the Police. No prosecutor is involved in these cases, since the crime has already been investigated and penalties have been imposed. A request for help to establish the identity and citizenship of Mr. Ben Cheref can thus only be submitted by the Swedish Police. Consequently, the request for help to identify Mr. Ben Cheref cannot be in the form of a *commission rogatoire* from a prosecutor, since it is not a request of evidence in a pending criminal case. In summary, it is the Swedish Police that is the competent authority to deal with these matters and who can send a request of assistance to the Moroccan authorities.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would like to take this opportunity to yet again underline the importance of Mr. Ben Cheref's case, also for the new Swedish government. We would like to inform the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco and relevant Moroccan authorities that the Minister in charge of the issue within the new Government is the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Anders Ygeman, attached to the Ministry of Justice.

The Ministry of Justice is prepared to send government officials to Morocco to work together with the Moroccan authorities in order to proceed in this matter. The Swedish Police is also prepared to come to