AWAKENING SPRING IN AFRICA

Suddenly the flames spread over North Africa. Demonstrators of several countries in that region, starting with Tunisian population, rose against their own governments asking for a different way of living.

The results of these uprisings have been very different in every country, from a change of government as in Tunisia to a civil war as in Libya although the point of equilibrium in the region has not been reached yet.

Not to say that if this area had not had so much crude oil and gas, the international community would have paid less attention and probably it would have been only considered as internal affairs. However a vast source of energy is hold under the ground in North Africa therefore the stability in that region of the world is perceived as a crucial to maintain the standard of living of the developed countries.

But, throughout the last year, the situation in North African countries has been changed so rapidly that western countries governments and not a long time ago unquestionable nation leaders in that continent have been surprised. On the other hand the risk that Islamic terrorism takes control over this area still persists.

Now is time to put hands at work and take advantage of the situation facilitating the transition of this countries from dictatorship to a real democracy. In that case, the international community will be able to kill two birds with one stone. They could guaranty the supply of petroleum to the western countries while demanding respect for human rights and contribute to the social and economic development of this area.

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