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to the Kingdom of Morocco (19 August 2019)

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- 2. H.E. Mrs. Nabeela TUNIS was accompanied by a delegation composed of:

- Mr. Al-Hassan KONDEH, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone;
- Amb. Umaru B. WURIE, Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone;
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- Mr. Prince GAIMA, Personal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

- 3. The two Ministers held bilateral talks on 19 August 2019 in a warm and friendly atmosphere reflecting the excellent relations between the two countries.
- 4. H.E. Mr. Nasser BOURITA reiterated his congratulations to H.E. Mrs. Nabeela TUNIS for her appointment as the Head of Sierra-Leonean diplomacy.
- 5. Both sides believe that this visit will contribute to strengthening the fraternal relations that unite the two countries, and will expand the multidimensional cooperation between Rabat and Freetown.
- 6. During the exchange of views on bilateral issues, both Ministers noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in various areas of cooperation since the Second Session of the Joint Commission of Cooperation between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sierra Leone held in 2008, and expressed their commitment to further enhance it, making it more substantive and more efficient in all areas of common interest.
- H.E. Mr. Nasser BOURITA praised the remarkable development witnessed by the Republic of Sierra Leone and renewed the readiness and the availability of the Kingdom of Morocco to contribute to efforts exerted by the Sierra Leonean Government to further boost the country's economic and human development.
- 8. H.E. Mrs. Nabeela TUNIS reiterated the importance that the Government of Sierra Leone attaches to maintaining good relations with Morocco and reaffirmed the commitment of her Government to exploring new areas of cooperation and economic partnerships with the Kingdom, in the mutual interest of the two brotherly peoples.

- 9. Both sides held the view that the strengthening of the Moroccan-Sierra Leonean ties serves the shared interests of the peoples of the two brotherly countries, and contributes to the promotion of regional and continental peace, stability and prosperity.
- 10. H.E. Mrs. Nabeela TUNIS praised the Kingdom's efforts for the consolidation of South-South and inter-African cooperation that contribute to the peace, the stability and the prosperity of the Continent.
- 11. Both sides had an in-depth exchange of views on regional and international issues of common interest and welcomed their alike positions regarding the issues discussed.
- 12. The Ministers expressed satisfaction at the high quality of the coordination between the two countries at the continental (African Union and regional partnerships) and international (United Nations) levels. They agreed to hold regular consultations whenever deemed necessary.
- 13. Both sides agreed to give each other firm support on issues concerning their respective fundamental interests.
- 14. H.E. Nasser BOURITA commended Sierra Leone's leadership in advancing the African common position on the reform of the United Nations Security Council and commends Morocco's continued support to Sierra Leone's coordinating role of the African Union Committee of Ten.
- 15. H.E. Nabeela Tunis reiterated her Government's continued support for the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Morocco and lauded the efforts made by Morocco through the autonomy plan to find a peaceful and political solution to the Western Sahara dispute. H.E Mrs. Nabeela Farida Tunis also expressed the strong support of the Republic of Sierra Leone for the role of the United Nations as the exclusive framework for the process leading to a final settlement of this issue.
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Done in Rabat on 19th August 2019.

On behalf the Government of the

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