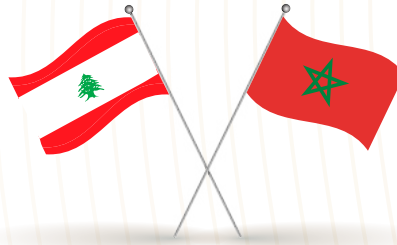




Joint Declaration

The Kingdom of Morocco - The Republic of Lebanon

Fez, November 23, 2022



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Mr. Nasser Bourita, held talks, on November 23, 2022, with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of Lebanon, Mr. Abdallah Bou Habib, on the sidelines of the 9th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

On this occasion, Mr. Bourita also congratulated the Lebanese minister for the success of the last parliamentary elections in his country, expressing the Kingdom's aspiration to a consensus of all Lebanese components, as soon as possible, to complete the constitutional process by electing a president of the republic and thus move forward in the reforms undertaken by the government to establish an economic and social system beneficial to the brotherly Lebanese people.

Mr. Bourita reiterated Morocco's support to the stability and sovereignty of Lebanon, stressing the efforts of the Lebanese government to stay away from all political and military conflicts in the region.

The Minister also noted that Morocco aspires to revitalize bilateral relations and to hold as soon as possible the 2nd session of the High Joint Committee and to modernize the legal framework in order to meet the accelerated global changes.

On his part, the Lebanese minister also commended the fraternal relations uniting the two countries and Morocco's continued support to the main Lebanese issues, stressing that the Kingdom, under the leadership of HM King Mohammed VI, always stands by Lebanon and backs its just causes. Mr. Bou Habib recalled, in this regard, the generous solidarity initiatives ordered by the Sovereign, following the explosion in the port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, as well as the royal donation to face the economic challenges and the Covid-19 repercussions.

He also reaffirmed the rejection by his country of all separatist entities threatening the unity and security of States.

Referring to the issue of displaced Syrians in Lebanon, Mr. Bou Habib stressed the importance of an international community's roadmap for a dignified and safe return of the displaced, in the face of the inability of Lebanon to continue to support their presence on its soil, with the economic, financial and social crisis it is experiencing. In this sense, he recalled the UN pact for migration adopted in December 2018 in Marrakech, based on "the principle of sharing the burdens".