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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL-THE COMPASSIONATE,

THANKS BE TO ALLAH, AND HIS PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON OUR PROPHET MOHAMMAD, AND ALL HIS FAMILY AND COMPNIONS

Your Majesty King Mohammad VI, King of the sisterly Kingdom of Morocco

Your Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses

Your Excellency, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki Moon,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Peace, Mercy, and Blessings of Allah be upon you,

At the outset, I am pleased to extend to my brother, His Majesty King Mohammad VI, and to the Government and people of the sisterly Kingdom of Morocco, my sincere thanks and gratitude, for the warm welcome and generous hospitality we have received, as well as for the distinguished preparation for this meeting. I would like also to congratulate His Excellency, Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, of the sisterly Kingdom of Morocco, on his election as President of this Conference.

Coming a few days after the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, our meeting today on this important international occasion, with such prestigious level of participation; is proof of His Majesty's concern to achieve what we aspire for, in addressing the phenomenon of climate change in a diligent manner, and realizing the magnitude of the challenges faced by our planet and its environment, reflect our earnest pursuit to reform the climate system and protect our planet and its environment, until it regains its natural balance.

Your Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses,

Reiterating its commitment to join in supporting the efforts exerted by the United Nations to combat the phenomenon of climate change, my country Kuwait has participated effectively and constantly in the negotiations aiming

to limit the negative impact of this phenomenon, based upon the principles and provisions and the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the subsequent provisions until the Paris Agreement, since they constitute the legally binding instruments and the basis of joint cooperation, while taking into consideration, the disparity in shouldering the burden, the inequalities in capacities and the levels of sustainable development in the developing nations.

Your Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses,

In abiding by its international commitments, my country Kuwait, has voluntarily put well-studied plans, based on scientific and economic research, within its available possibilities, to rehabilitate its oil installations, as its oil sector seeks to adopt a new strategy, founded on scientific and economic grounds, that aim to limit emissions, in addition to establishing mechanisms to improve energy efficiency, without jeopardizing its essential interests and its commitments to developing clean industry, while taking into consideration how to take advantage of the programs and the mechanisms established in the Framework of the Agreement.

Furthermore, the State of Kuwait is voluntarily seeking to introduce renewable energy resources in its development plans, to ensure a sustainable supply of energy for future generations, and as part of its contribution to limiting the emissions of green house gases into the atmosphere, as well as joining in the efforts of the international community to protect the climate system for present and future generations.

In this context, I would like to assure you that we are about to complete the constitutional procedures for the ratification of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Your Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses;

With much hope, we look forward to see the global consciousness and awareness that we have sensed in the cooperation to limit the effects of climate change, reflect on the Marrakesh Conference, to constitute a

turning point in addressing the impact of that phenomenon, and work towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, through the adoption of resolutions for the phase preceding 2020 and beyond, in view of the amendments introduced and approved at the Doha Conference and to implement the items of the Paris Agreement.

My country Kuwait, also hopes that the developed countries will adhere to their pioneering role in reducing emissions, and assisting the developing countries, by making resources available to finance the transfer of technology, building capacities, as well as adapting to the negative effects resulting from climate change, and the negative effects arising from the response measures to reduce the impact of climate change, particularly the countries whose economies depend on the production and export of fossil fuels, as their main and only income.

In conclusion, I thank you all again, and wish our Conference all the success.

The Peace, Mercy, and Blessings of Allah be upon you.