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His Majesty the King of Morocco

Distinguished Colleagues

President of COP22 and the President of COP21

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

AssalamuAlaikum and a very Good Afternoon/ Evening,

It is my pleasure to join you all in this beautiful city of Marrakech. I express my sincere thanks to the government of Morocco for hosting this important event. This year's Conference bears a special significance for all of us. We are celebrating the entry into force of the historic Paris Agreement.

Last year in Paris, we have been successful to create a solid ground for a meaningful cooperation in combating climate change impacts. Now this is time to move forward to implement decisions into actions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Lives and livelihoods of millions of people would continue to be at risk unless we deliver to our commitments on climate change issues. Bangladesh is one of the first countries that signed and ratified the Paris Agreement. Bangladesh is the first country to set up 'Climate Change Trust Fund' of US$ 400 million from its own resources. We have also achieved success in disaster management despite our coastal areas being highly vulnerable to climate related calamities, such as floods and cyclones. We have put in place measures like early warning system, cyclone shelters and river weeds cultivation that have significantly reduced loss of lives and properties in Bangladesh.

Excellencies,

I would like to flag here couple of issues:

First is water security. As a member of the UN High Level Panel on Water, I reiterate my government's commitments to the Action Plan endorsed by the members of High Level Panel on Water in New York this September. We must

ensure safe drinking water and sanitation for all through effective water governance. I would also stress on the need for creating a global fund on water SDG to support research, innovation and technology transfer.

Second is the issue of climate induced migrants. Unless we address this challenge appropriately, we would never be able to attain the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals.

At this auspicious moment today, let us join our hands together to consolidate our partnership to fight against the perilous threats of Climate Change. We must be prepared to share equitable burden to fulfill our promises of making the world a safer and better place for our future generation.

I thank you all.