



**HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI
MAY GOD ASSIST HIM**



HM The King Addresses Message On Occasion Of Celebration Of 50th Anniversary Of Establishment Of Diplomatic Relations Between Morocco, Peru

His Majesty King Mohammed VI addressed on Monday a message on the occasion of the celebration in Lima of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Morocco and Peru, under the auspices of HM King Mohammed VI.

Here is the full text of the royal message, which was read by foreign minister, Salaheddine Mezouar:

"Praise be to God

May peace and blessings be upon the Prophet, His Kith and Kin

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The celebration, under my patronage, of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Peru gives me the opportunity to say how proud and satisfied I am that we should be commemorating such an event.

I should like to take this opportunity to say how much I value our fifty-year relationship based on friendship, cooperation and solidarity between our two countries in a wide range of sectors.

It is an opportunity for us to assess our diplomatic action, take stock of our accomplishments and endeavor to further strengthen and expand our relationship as we confidently look to the future.

We have come a long way in terms of laying down the foundations for building diversified relations, based on fruitful cooperation and a shared vision regarding all issues of common interest.

Our relations have also been characterized by permanent consultation and contacts at all levels, as illustrated by the frequent exchange of visits between our two countries.

I remember, in this regard, the historic visit I paid to Peru in 2004, which was a turning point in our relations, thanks to the tangible results it produced.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend His Excellency President Ollanta Humala Tasso and the Government of Peru on their untiring efforts to promote and develop our relations.

I also praise H.E. President Ollanta Humala for his commitment to encourage all initiatives aimed at bringing our two countries closer to each other. I keenly look forward to seeing our relations further enhanced and transformed into a multi-faceted partnership that contributes to closer South-South cooperation.

The agreements we signed and the multiple forms of cooperation we have established to implement them reflect a shared desire by our two governments to open up new prospects for joint action in all fields.

During the past decade, we have had uninterrupted, dynamic political consultations governed by the criteria and unshakable values to which we are equally committed, namely the promotion of democracy, human rights, human resource development and social justice.

At the global level, both our countries have shown a firm commitment to promoting world peace and respecting international legality, the particularities and immutable national values of states, as well as their territorial integrity.

I wish to say how satisfied I am with the special cooperation and coordination between our legislative institutions, as well as with the efforts exerted by the members of the two Parliamentary Friendship Groups to promote political dialogue and expand the exchange of experiences and know-how.

The diplomatic relations enjoyed by our two countries are rooted in

history and in our shared Andalusian heritage.

The Moroccan-Peruvian culture days, held in Lima in 2011, celebrated this important aspect of the two countries' shared legacy.

In this respect, I wish to call for further academic, cultural and artistic cooperation and greater coordination between civil society organizations, which are becoming more vibrant and which can play a pivotal role in consolidating our relations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The commemoration of this anniversary is an occasion for us to give fresh impetus to our commercial and economic relations, so they rise to the level of our outstanding political ties.

Given their potential and their openness to global markets, our two economies will no doubt make it possible for us to open up new prospects for a dynamic partnership.

In this regard, I call for a stronger role for our two countries' private sectors and for the building of public-private partnerships to ensure optimal use of the resources available.

It is also important to revamp the legal framework so as to boost our partnership and make sure it is well equipped to deal with economic changes and the emergence of new regional economic blocs, such as the Pacific Alliance, which will soon open a representative office in Casablanca.

In this respect, I wish to insist on the need to establish an ambitious partnership between the Arab world and Africa, on the one hand, and South America on the other hand, within the framework of South-South dialogue and cooperation.

I would like to praise the convening, in Lima in 2012, of the Third Summit of South American-Arab Countries, which adopted extremely important recommendations regarding cooperation prospects between the two blocs in a number of areas.

I also commend Peru on the role it is playing in South American-Arab countries' summits, and wish to praise not only its untiring efforts to promote closer ties between the two regions, but also its contributions to building bridges for multilateral political, economic and cultural cooperation.

To conclude, I salute the serious, constant work done, thanks to which we have been able to enjoy a solid relationship rooted in close friendship and mutual esteem. I urge all the stakeholders involved - members of government, parliament and civil society - to maintain and step up their efforts so as to consolidate and further expand friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Wassalamu alaïkum warahmatullah wabarakatuh."

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