The 42nd Summit of the High Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), held on December 14 in Saudi Arabia, reaffirmed its positions and firm decisions in favour of the Moroccan Sahara and the preservation of the security and stability of the Kingdom of Morocco and its territorial integrity.

The final declaration, issued at the end of the Summit, also welcomed the Security Council Resolution No. 2602 of October 29, 2021, calling especially for the continuation of the negotiation process of the “Round Tables” between Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania and the Polisario.

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In reaction to this support, HM Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, sent several messages of thanks and gratitude to several leaders of the Gulf countries, for the clear support of their countries to the Moroccan Sahara.

It should be noted that the support of the Heads of State of the Gulf Cooperation Council to the Moroccan sovereignty over the Moroccan Sahara confirms the positions defended last October by the representatives of these countries at the UN. This support is also one of the most important foundations of the consecration of the strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Morocco and the GCC States.

The GCC countries were also among the first to welcome Morocco’s intervention in the El Guerguerat area. They also expressed an unwavering position following the decision of the United States to recognise Morocco’s sovereignty over its Saharan provinces.

For its part, Morocco, as it has always been in its bilateral relations with each of the Gulf States, reacts with determination and responsibility whenever there is a difficulty, through a proactive approach in line with the right of self-defence, the preservation of achievements, the defence of shared religious, spiritual and cultural principles.

The GCC High Council, which meets periodically (annually), is the highest authority and is composed of the leaders of the six states (Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates).