

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Mr. Nasser Bourita had a virtual meeting on Monday, February 23, 2021, with the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, Dr. Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf.

The meeting focused on the ways to consolidate the existing strategic partnership between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf. Several important milestones of this partnership have been achieved, since 2011, thanks to the leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, and his brothers, the leaders of the member states of the GCC, and the two parties agreed to extend their joint work plan until 2024.

MFA Nasser Bourita also expressed the will of the Kingdom of Morocco to continue working with the General Secretariat and the Gulf States in order to further develop this partnership, by establishing a new stage of cooperation and through a participatory framework which strengthens political, economic, commercial and human relations between the two parties, embodying the vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, mentioned in the Royal Speech at the Morocco-Gulf Countries Summit in Riyadh, held on April 20, 2016.

The Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council praised the efforts of His Majesty, Chairman of the Jerusalem Committee, in defending the special status of Jerusalem, protecting its Islamic character, preserving the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and defending the historical identity of this city as a land for coexistence of the divine religions.

During this meeting, the Secretary General of the Cooperation Council reaffirmed the firm position of the GCC States in favor of Morocco's sovereignty over its Sahara and its territorial integrity, considering that any solution to this regional conflict can only take place in the framework of the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Morocco.

MFA Bourita also praised Morocco's relationship with the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council which is characterized by many common points and a continued solidarity, underlining the support of the Kingdom of Morocco for the security and stability of the Gulf States, and its rejection of any threat to its brother countries.

Talks also covered a number of Arab and regional issues, on which the two sides expressed their similar opinions.