

- **Election of Morocco to the African Union Peace and Security Council and Acknowledgment of Role of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI in Promoting Stability on the Continent**

Morocco's election to the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU PSC) in a first-round vote is a strong acknowledgment of HM King Mohammed VI's role in maintaining peace and stability in Africa, said Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation, and Moroccan Expatriates Mr. Nasser Bourita on Wednesday in Addis Ababa.

This election reflects the efforts of His Majesty the King to advance a stable Africa, with an approach to conflict resolution grounded in reason, respect for international law, and the pursuit of peaceful solutions, Mr. Bourita told the press following Morocco's election to a two-year term on the Pan-African body.

It's the third time in nine years since Morocco's return to the African Union in 2017 that the Kingdom has been elected to the PSC, one of the Union's key bodies responsible for crisis management and addressing Africa's security and stability challenges, Mr. Bourita recalled. In line with His Majesty the King's vision, peace and stability cannot exist without development, he underlined.

He also emphasized that the vote reflects recognition of Morocco's initiatives and approach in peace and security under the Sovereign's leadership, an approach based on a comprehensive vision linking development, mediation, peacekeeping operations, and the bridging of differing viewpoints.

Through the experience accumulated during its previous mandates on the AU-PSC, Morocco is now well-positioned to strengthen its action and contribute positively to peace, security, and stability across Africa, the Foreign Minister stated.

Morocco was elected on Wednesday in Addis Ababa to a two-year term on the African Union's Peace and Security Council (AU-PSC) in a first-round vote.

The Kingdom secured more than two-thirds of the votes, 34 in total, during the election, which took place as part of the 48th Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council.