**Exhibition 'Brazil-Morocco: More Than Centenary Friendship' Inaugurated in Brasilia**

An exhibition entitled "Brazil-Morocco: More Than Centenary Friendship" was inaugurated, on Thursday in Brasilia, on the occasion of the official visit to Brazil by Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita.

Organized at the initiative of the Moroccan Embassy in Brazil and the presidency of the Federal Senate, this exhibition highlights the historical ties between the two countries through several themes, namely "diplomatic relations in the 19th century "," The migration of Moroccan Jews to Brazil", "Diplomatic, cultural and economic relations since the 1960s" and "Artistic creation as a vehicle for bilateral relations ".

The exhibition, held in the upper house of the Brazilian Congress, revisits decades of rich shared history, woven by human flows and a precious cultural heritage through a selection of photos, archives' documents and manuscripts.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Bourita said he was delighted to "be part of this shared history", noting that relations between Morocco and Brazil have a special aspect.

On this occasion, the Minister reviewed the progress of a rich diplomatic relationship that began in 1860, with the unusual story of the sinking of a Brazilian ship named "Dona Isabell" off the city of Tangier and the courage of the inhabitants who rushed to help the crew and fish out the cargo.

This act of bravery, highly praised by the Brazilian emperor Don Pedro II, led to the setting up of the first Brazilian Consulate in Tangier.

Bourita also underlined the impetus given by the visit of HM King Mohammed VI to Brazil, in 2004, to relations between the two friendly countries, which have developed remarkably on several levels.

"We reaffirm our steadfast determination to expanding cooperation between our two countries, in all areas, with a view to making the most of their enormous potential," said the Minister, quoting from the speech by HM King Mohammed VI during his visit to Brazil.

Senator Carlos Viana, second vice-chair of the Brazil-Morocco parliamentary friendship group, highlighted the many similarities shared by the two countries, as geographical and cultural diversity.

"Morocco is a country I have visited and learned to admire from day one," he said.

Senator Chico Rodrigues, member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and National Defense at the Senate and of the Brazil-Morocco parliamentary friendship group, stressed the importance of such exhibitions to share with the public the wealth of historical relations between the two countries.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Morocco's ambassador to Brazil Nabil Adghoghi, members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Brasilia, Brazilian officials and media representatives.

The Foreign Minister paid on Thursday a visit to Brazil, during which he held talks with several senior officials from the South American country and signed seven cooperation agreements covering many fields.

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