**President of Dominican Republic Grants Audience to FM who is Carrying Verbal Message from HM the King**

President of the Dominican Republic Danilo Medina received, on Tuesday at the Presidential Palace in Santo Domingo, Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita, who conveyed to him a verbal message from HM King Mohammed VI.

In this verbal message, HM the King reaffirmed the Kingdom's will to foster its bilateral relations with the Dominican Republic and to boost partnership between the two friendly countries, Bourita told MAP after this audience, attended by Morocco's ambassador to the Dominican Republic Zakaria El Goumiri.

This will is also part of a particular context marked by the celebration in 2020 of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, he said, adding that this anniversary offers the opportunity to give a new impetus to bilateral relations and the diversification of their partnership at all levels.

Bourita noted that the meeting also served as an opportunity to thank the Dominican Republic for its constructive position on the national cause.

In this regard, Bourita commended the sustained and constructive action by the Dominican Republic in the United Nations as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, as well as its important contributions in promoting dialogue, understanding and the search for peaceful solutions.

On the Sahara issue, the Dominican Republic reaffirmed, in the final statement following this visit, its respect for the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of the Kingdom of Morocco, and expressed its support for Morocco's efforts to reach a political solution that would put an end to this regional conflict.

The Dominican Republic deems the autonomy initiative, submitted by Morocco in 2007, a realistic and credible basis for a negotiated solution between the parties, said the final statement.

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