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Republic of Venezuela
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Madam Chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

- 1. I would like to receive a report from the Government on the progress of the National Development Project.
- 2. I am pleased to participate in the discussion on the National Development Project.
- 3. Indeed, the Government has made a commitment to the people of Mauritania.

Madam Chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

- 4. I am pleased to see that the Government has taken the necessary steps to implement the National Development Project.
- 1. Full employment is the first objective of the Government.
- 2. We must also pay attention to the social and economic development of the country.
- 3. In this regard, the Government has taken the necessary steps to improve the living standards of the population.
- 4. The Government should also pay attention to the health and education of the population.
- 5. The Government should also pay attention to the social and economic development of the country.
- 6. Health and education are the two main pillars of the development of the country.
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to support their development, to the King Mohammed VI's commitment to mutually beneficial cooperation aimed at shared prosperity.

Madame

Ladies and Gentlemen,

19. The evolution of the Sahara region is not a university or a population with special status. This population is equal to all other Moroccan citizens. Hence, we enjoy the same rights and freedoms, the same freedoms as any other Moroccan citizen.
20. In Morocco, Saharawi the right to pursue its freedom, economic activities, its economic, social, cultural and scientific development with complete freedom and without any restriction. The number of Moroccan operating in the southern provinces has increased to more than 200,000 Moroccan.
21. Like other parts of Morocco, the El-Ayoun Saharawi is open to the free movement of goods and services. Members of the non-assembly of public opinion, numerous politicians from different countries, human rights diplomats and representatives of international, intergovernmental and non-governmental human rights organizations, were able to visit the El-Ayoun Saharawi. Moreover, journalists representing international media reported freely from within the Sahara.
22. Since the recovery of its national integrity in 1975, the Kingdom of Morocco continues to realize its economic growth and economic development of its southern provinces.
23. The human development indicators in the Sahara region were 49.7%, 46% lower than in the northern provinces with 42.5% and 44% lower than the national averages in Spain. Today, the population in the Sahara region far exceeded the average of other regions of Morocco.
24. The population of the Sahara region actively participates in the establishment of national policies identifying with the recovery, management and exploitation of national resources, through our representatives in Parliament and the elected authorities at local and regional level.
25. The new development model for southern provinces, launched by His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, is a mechanism for the application and acceleration of advanced regionalization, with the aim of democratic governance and integrated sustainable human development respecting the specificities of the Sahara region.
26. I am pleased to report that thanks to the involvement made within the framework of the development model, the projects completion rate exceed 80%, totaling more than USD 3.40 billion spent in major projects that have been launched in the fields of infrastructure, health, education, training, culture, agriculture, renewable energy and fishing.
27. This model is implemented within the framework of a comprehensive and integrated national development strategy, which aims to improve the living conditions of local populations, and care for its potential water and property, in order to ensure a vital take-off of the region.
28. GDP per capita in Moroccan Sahara is 1.6 times greater than the national average, and household consumption is 1.4 or 42% above the average level around Morocco.
29. As elected members of the Regional Council, I am pleased to report that nearly 20.17 billion MAD were allocated in the Saharawi El-Ayoun for the implementation of 98 projects in support of economic activities, such as, fisheries, agriculture, aquaculture, industry, renewable energy, manufacturing and construction.
30. The model includes, among others, the realization of a hydro-agricultural development on an area of 1,000 hectares, consisting of a dam and annual production in the province of Boujdour, the solar power

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