Word of welcome

Morocco receives with pleasure and enthusiasm, in Marrakesh, the 7th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP7).

It is the first time that a meeting of such a high level and dealing with topics of such an importance is held on the african continent. It confirms, once again, the confidence and the notoriety granted to Morocco by the international community.

But it is also a proof of the engagement of our country and our continent in the dynamic to find solutions to problems linked to effects of greenhouse gases of which our region suffers considerably.

Persistent drought, desertification, flooding and other consequences of this phenomenon have indeed strongly hit our population and risk to seriously reduce our potential of developpment.

In order to halt the deterioration of the global climate, we must make all together, more progress towards an effecient international strategy aimed at the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, the attenuation of their negative effects and the adaptation of developing countries.

From our side, we will not spare any effort to achieve this goal and to turn COP7 into a decisive step in this process that was launched nearly ten years ago.

Welcome to all and enjoy your stay in Marrakesh...