

UNITED STATES – MOROCCO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco (the “Parties”):

Recognizing the longstanding friendship between them, and wishing to strengthen their partnership and promote mutually advantageous economic relations;

Recognizing Morocco’s commitment to reform to improve the lives of its people;

Desiring to raise living standards, promote economic growth and stability, create new employment opportunities, and improve the general welfare in their territories by liberalizing and expanding trade and investment between them;

Seeking to enhance the competitiveness of their enterprises in global markets;

Desiring to establish clear rules governing their trade and investment that reflect the interests of both Parties and thereby foster a predictable and mutually advantageous commercial environment;

Committed to foster bilateral cooperation while recognizing the differences in their level of development and the size of their economies;

Affirming their commitment to facilitate trade between them by eliminating barriers to bilateral trade;

Building on their rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement and other agreements to which they are both parties;

Desiring to liberalize and expand bilateral agricultural trade and investment and thereby make their agricultural sectors more competitive, foster rural development, and increase prosperity in their territories;

Desiring to protect human, animal, and plant health conditions in the Parties’ territories, enhance the Parties’ implementation of the SPS Agreement, and provide a forum to address sanitary and phytosanitary matters between the Parties, thereby expanding trade opportunities;

Affirming their commitment to transparency and their desire to eliminate corruption in international trade and investment;

Seeking to foster creativity and innovation and to promote trade in goods and services that are the subject of intellectual property rights;

Desiring to strengthen the development and enforcement of labor and environmental laws and policies, promote basic workers' rights and sustainable development, and implement this Agreement in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation;

Affirming their desire to establish a free trade area of the United States, Middle East, and North Africa and thereby contribute to regional integration and economic development;

Have agreed as follows: