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*All praise be to Allah, peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad,
his family and his companions*

Excellency Dr Khalid Samadi, Secretary of State to the Minister of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research, in Charge of Higher Education and Scientific research,

Excellency Dr Abdulsalam Al-Joufi, representative of ABEGS,

Excellency Dr Abdefattah Lahjomri, Director of the Arabization Coordination Bureau, representative of ALECSO,

Excellency Dr Salah Khaled, Director of UNESCO Office in Rabat, representative of UNESCO Director General,

Excellencies Secretaries General of the National Commissions,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and to talk to you at the opening of the 4th Forum of International Organizations: ISESCO, ALECSO and ABEGS. But allow me first to welcome H.E. Mr Khalid Samadi, Secretary of State to the Minister of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research in Charge of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Kingdom of Morocco, thanking him for having kindly accepted our invitation to attend this opening session, and wishing His Excellency all success in his lofty mission.

I also take this opportunity to commend the sustained support extended by the Kingdom of Morocco, the Seat Country, to ISESCO and the special consideration of His Majesty King Mohammed IV, may Allah preserve him, for the Organization's civilizational mission.

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Publicizing the work of ISESCO, ALECSO and ABEGS is an effective means to achieve a set of strategic goals as part of the civilizational mission of the three organizations. These goals include, in particular, promoting a better coordination and exchange of expertise and information, developing mechanisms of cooperation and coordination between the National Commissions and regional and international organizations to build the capacities of the Commissions' human resources in the educational, scientific, cultural and administrative fields. This will, in turn, help boost the role of the National Commissions in developing the education system with its different stages, and enhance their efforts to promote regional partnerships and initiatives in the respective realms of competence of the three organizations, improve productivity and performance and achieve common goals.

The steadily growing scope of cooperation between ISESCO, ALECSO and ABEGS, and the rising trend of our accumulated expertise and accomplishments are proof that we are on the right track. The credit of these achievements goes to the complementarity existing between the three organizations on different levels, including their missions, working means, structures, action plans and outlooks. This symbiotic relationship is particularly evident in their relations and cooperation with the Member States' National Commissions in their capacity as the official channels and the field partners directly concerned with the implementation of the

different projects, programmes and activities. Hence the importance of promoting cooperation with Member States' National Commissions, at all levels, as a key driver of a successful partnership between the three organizations, especially as part of bilateral cooperation under joint agreements and programmes.

This cooperation, which has grown into a strategic partnership based on a methodological integration made possible thanks to the similarity of the three organizations' goals and working tools, calls for further coordination to expand the scope of our action and reciprocal openness. It also calls for capitalizing on the expertise and achievements accumulated by each organization in the common areas of action, which all converge towards promoting comprehensive sustainable development for the benefit of the present and future generations in the fields of education, science, culture and communication.

In our endeavor to achieve these goals, we must increase synergy and enhance cooperation between ISESCO, ALECSO and ABEGS so as for them to actively support the efforts of the Member States in the organizations' respective areas of competence.

In this connection, it is important to acknowledge the vital role of the Member States' National Commissions as the main driving force of the implementation of these organizations' programmes, projects and missions.

Against this backdrop, promoting further coordination, information sharing and partnership between the Member States' National Commissions and the three international organizations has proved indispensable. This requirement is all the more crucial for identifying the needs and work requirements in the fields of education, science, technology, culture and communication, given its decisive role in keeping abreast of the rapid mutations in the different aspects of life, while holding onto the deep-rooted civilizational values of the Member States.

These conceptual and operational notions lie at the heart of this Forum, which we hope will achieve its goals in the best way possible.

I beseech Allah Almighty to guide us to serve our Member States and humanity at large.

Wassalamu alaikum warahmatullah wabarakatuh.