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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 for the fulfilment of its citizens;

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

Desiring to enhance their firms’ competitiveness in global markets;

Desiring to establish clear rules governing their trade and investment that reflect both Parties’ interests and thereby ensure a predictable and mutually advantageous commercial framework;

Recognizing the differences in their level of development and in the size of their economies and the resulting desire to foster cooperation between them;

Reaffirming their shared commitment to facilitate trade between them by avoiding distortions to their reciprocal trade;

Building on their rights and obligations under the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation* and other agreements to which they are both parties;

Desiring to liberalize and expand agricultural trade and investment between them, and thereby improve the competitiveness of their agriculture sectors and contribute to economic and rural development and prosperity in their territories;

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

Desiring 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;

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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: