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Dear colleagues and friends

I have the pleasure to inform you that the **Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes** will celebrate the **World Diabetes Day** in Laâyoune on November 8, 9 and 10, 2019.

This event will be held with the support of the Wilaya of Laâyoune - Sakia El Hamra. As usual, It will take place under the aegis of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research, the National Council of the National Order doctors.

Under the theme: "**The Family and Diabetes**", this event will be organized in collaboration with several institutions and scientific societies: Regional Medical Delegation of Laâyoune, International Diabetes Federation MENA Region, WHO, CNOPS, ANAM, Moroccan Society of Endocrinology Diabetology and Nutrition, Moroccan Society of Nutrition, Health and Environment and AFRA / IAEA Regional Designated Nutrition Center (Ibn Tofail University - CNESTEN).

The scientific program is focused on Diabetes and Nutrition and planned at the Palais des Congrès in Laayoune. It will bring together national experts from different horizons (academics, public and private) and will allow participants including Endocrinologists, specialists, family doctors and all those who are interested in Diabetes and Nutrition, to follow the news in Diabetology and Nutrition. It will also be an opportunity to present the efforts of our country in the fight against Diabetes and Nutrition Diseases.

The medico-social program will take place at the Higher Institute of Nursing and Health Professions - Laayoune. It concerns the education, awareness and screening of diabetes, obesity and hypertension in favor of diabetics and the general population of the city of Laayoune and its region, as well as a vaccination campaign influenza.

Similarly, during this celebration, a privileged place is dedicated to the continuing training of physicians and Nurses on diabetes and its complications.

This celebration of the **World Diabetes Day** from the city of Laâyoune comes after the success since 2013 of the 8 International and National Symposiums on Diabetes and Nutrition and 7 World Diabetes Days, 4 of which were under the **High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI** and organized by the Moroccan League of Fight against Diabetes in the different regions of the Kingdom: **Rabat, Marrakech, Dakhla, Errachidia, Tantan, Tata, Ben Guerir and Kenitra.**

It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the great efforts of our country for the promotion and development of the southern provinces and the city of Laayoune in particular. It is developing spectacularly and is truly a showcase for a Morocco that is advancing at a rapid pace towards an integrated and global economic and social development.

With its dunes, palms, green areas and white beaches, the city of Laayoune welcomes all our guests and participants to the **Celebration of World Diabetes Day.**

Also, we take this opportunity to pay a warm tribute to **Mr. Wali of Laayoune Sakia El Hamra** for his warm welcome and his great support for the success of this celebration. Our thanks also go to the **Ministry of Health and the Regional Health Department of Laayoune**, the National Council of the National Order of Physicians and all partners for their valuable assistance.

The Fight against Diabetes is everyone's problem. Many thanks to all those who are working against this national and global epidemic.