

CREDENTIALS SPEECH

NICOSIA, CYPRUS

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Your Excellency the President of the Republic of Cyprus,

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to present to you the Letters of Credence which His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, General of the Army, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, has accredited to me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Allow me, first of all, to express my most sincere wishes of health, progress and prosperity to you and to the Cypriot people.

Guinea-Bissau and Cyprus share common values of peace, solidarity, respect and cultural values. This solid foundation offers us a unique opportunity to further strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our countries by exploring new areas of mutual interest.

I would like to highlight Guinea-Bissau's enormous potential in the tourism sector, an area in which Cyprus has demonstrated great excellence. With its 88 islands and islets, crystal clear waters and enviable biodiversity, Guinea-Bissau offers unparalleled possibilities for sustainable and quality tourism. We believe that a technical collaboration with Cyprus, a reference country in Mediterranean tourism, could greatly benefit both nations, especially through staff training and the exchange of best practices.

In addition, sectors such as agriculture, fisheries and maritime transport offer ample opportunities for technical and economic cooperation. Privileged access to the Atlantic makes Guinea-Bissau a benchmark in marine resources and maritime trade in West Africa. The exchange of knowledge in these areas can be highly productive, contributing to sustainable development and strengthening the maritime economy of both countries.

Your Excellency,

Strengthening our bilateral relations could also pave the way for partnerships in other strategic sectors. In the scientific and cultural fields, the exchange of knowledge and experiences can promote the development of both nations. In this sense, I hope that we can move forward with joint initiatives in areas such as higher education and scientific research.

Additionally, it would be an honor for Guinea-Bissau to see Cyprus consider opening a diplomatic mission in Bissau. This gesture would not only deepen our diplomatic relationship, but also strengthen the channels of dialogue and cooperation between our countries.

Your Excellency,

Allow me to conclude by reiterating Guinea-Bissau's commitment to peace and progress, both bilaterally and within the framework of International Organizations, where we will continue to work for a fairer and more united world.

I thank you for your warm welcome and for the spirit of friendship that characterizes our relations. I am sure that together we will build a future of mutual progress, strengthening the ties that bind our countries.

Thank you very much!