

Press release

OFFICIAL VISIT OF H.E.M. HAN DUCK-SOO, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO TOGO

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For immediate release

- 1. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, H.E. M. Han Duck-Soo, paid an official visit to Lomé on 30 and 31 October 2023.
- 2. This visit, which comes at a time when the two countries celebrate the 60th anniversary of their diplomatic relations, enabled to strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the Togolese Republic.
- 3. The Korean Prime Minister had a one-on-one meeting with his Togolese counterpart, H.E. Mrs Victoire Tomégah-Dogbé, followed by a working session, which was attended by the delegations from both countries, on issues of common interest at bilateral, multilateral and international levels.
- 4. The two leaders reaffirmed the desire of the Republic of Korea and the Togolese Republic to deepen bilateral cooperation, in particular in the fields of agriculture, trade, digital technology, energy, security, education and vocational training.
- 5. H.E.M. Han Duck-Soo praised Togo's efforts to promote peace, security and stability in the West African sub-region. He reiterated his country's commitment to strengthening multifaceted security cooperation with Togo, in particular in the fight against terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism.
- 6. The Korean Prime Minister informed his Togolese counterpart of Korea's bid to seat on the 2023-2027 World Heritage Committee, as well as his country's desire to host the 2030 Universal Exhibition in the city of Busan, and asked for Togo's support for these various bids.

- 7. The Prime Minister of the Togolese Republic took due note of the said bids and indicated that the Togolese government will examine them with all due attention.
- 8. The two personalities welcomed the fact that the two countries shared the same views on pooling their efforts in international bodies to achieve the objectives of peace, security and development.
- 9. The Republic of Korea and the Togolese Republic have agreed to set up a mechanism to monitor cooperation between the two countries.
- 10. The Korean Prime Minister took the opportunity to invite Togo to attend the 1st Korea-Africa Summit scheduled for 4 and 5 June 2024 in the Republic of Korea.
- 11. At the end of his visit, M. Han Duck-Soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, expressed his deep gratitude to the Togolese authorities for the warm welcome extended to him and for the facilities granted to him and his delegation.