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Amendment to a current bilateral cooperation agreement between the United States and Morocco to support prison reform

On Thursday, February 5, U.S. Ambassador Dwight L. Bush, Sr. and Delegate General for the Prison and Reintegration Administration (DGAPR) Mohammad Salah Tamek signed an amendment to a current bilateral cooperation agreement to support prison reform, which allocates an additional \$ 1 million in funding to promote this goal. The U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) oversees this bilateral cooperation with the DGAPR.

This additional amount brings the total amount of INL funds allocated for assistance to the DGAPR since 2011 to \$4,136,000. The agreement between INL and the DGAPR was originally signed in 2011, and cooperation has continued steadily since then. INL's goal in providing assistance to the DGAPR is to assist Moroccan correctional institutions to successfully manage their populations.

The additional \$1,000,000 will be spent on activities that have already been discussed and agreed upon with the DGAPR. Activities include training on emergency management in prisons, prison policies and procedures, and curriculum development for

prison workers, among other things. INL and the DGAPR are also currently developing a program that supports successful post-incarceration reintegration into society.