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Bangladesh Ambassador presents credentials to the President of Cape Verde

Praia, 28 June 2024:

Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal, H.E. Rezina Ahmed presented her credentials to the President of the Republic of Cape Verde H. E. Dr. José Maria Pereira Neves in Praia, the capital of Cape Verde on 27 June 2024 as the fourth non-resident Ambassador of Bangladesh to that country with residence in Lisbon.

In an audience after the ceremony, the President warmly congratulated Bangladesh Ambassador on presentation of the credentials and wished her a pleasant stay in Praia. The President highly appreciated the initiatives taken by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the socio-economic development and institutionalization of democracy in the country. The President expressed satisfaction on the existing bilateral relations between the two countries particularly in the multilateral fora. He stressed on the need for furthering cooperation in trade and investment. He expected that during the Ambassador's tenure new areas of cooperation would be identified to strengthen the relations between the two countries.

In turn, Ambassador Rezina Ahmed also stressed on the need to increase bilateral trade and ensured her readiness to work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cape Verde closely in this regard. She appreciated the support of the Government of Cape Verde in the recent election for the membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the term 2025-2027. She also thanked the Government of Cape Verde for the continued support for the repatriation of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar. The President highly appreciated the Government of Bangladesh for giving shelter to the displaced Rohingyas and ensured his continued support for the safe return to their homeland. The Ambassador extended an invitation from the Hon'ble President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the President of Cape Verde to visit Bangladesh. He accepted the invitation and agreed to visit Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time. The President conveyed his greetings to the Hon'ble President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The President ensured the Ambassador of his full support and cooperation in her future endeavours to take the existing bilateral relations between the two countries to a new height.

Later, Ambassador Rezina Ahmed made a media statement before the local print and electronic media.

The day before, Ambassador Rezina Ahmed handed over copies of her credential papers to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration of Cape Verde Dr. Rui Alberto de Figueiredo Soares followed by a meeting with him. During the discussion, both agreed on increasing the trade between the two countries. They identified the areas of cooperation to collaborate in the near future, i.e. tourism, blue economy, climate change and IT sector and to explore the opportunity of importing pharmaceuticals from Bangladesh to Cape Verde. In this connection, Ambassador mentioned about holding a Foreign Office Consultations between the two countries, which is a very good platform in addressing all the issues and way forward.

