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Keynote Speech

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin AbdulAziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence, at Inaugural Meeting of the IMCTC Ministers of Defence Council

First of all, on behalf of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, I welcome my brothers and colleagues, Ministers of Defense of Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition countries. Our meeting today is very important, as in the past years terrorism has been operating in all our countries and most of these terrorist organizations operate in several countries with the absence of a strong, good and distinguished coordination among Islamic countries. Today, this issue has finished in the presence of this coalition. Today, more than forty Islamic countries are sending a very strong signal that they will work together and coordinate very strongly to support each other's efforts, whether in military efforts, or financial, intelligence, or political aspects. This matter will happen today and every state will provide what it can in each domain according to their capabilities and potentials.

Today, we have several initiatives in our meeting that will be announced in the final statement after the ministers' agreement on them.

I also express today our condolences to our brothers in Egypt, both leadership and people, for what happened in the last few days. It is really a very painful incident which makes us recall regularly and strongly the danger of this extremist terrorism. We all condole our brothers in Egypt and affirm that we will stand by Egypt and all the countries of the world to combat terrorism and extremism.

Today, terrorism and extremism have not achieved only the greatest danger of killing of innocent people or disseminating hatred, but the greatest danger done by the extremist terrorism is distorting the reputation of our tolerant religion. Therefore, we will not allow of what they have done of distorting this tolerant religion and intimidating innocents in Islamic countries and all countries of the world to continue any more than today. Today, tracking down terrorism has begun. We see its defeats in many countries worldwide, especially in Islamic countries, and today we will confirm that we will pursue it until it disappears completely from the surface of the earth.

I welcome my brothers once again, wishing successful outcomes for this summit. And I hope that the efforts of this Coalition will be successful and distinguished.

Welcome to all of you