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In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

May the Peace, Mercy and Blessing of Allah be Upon You,

Let me begin by offering my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the Crown Prince, as well as the leadership of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, for their kind invitation to participate in this important meeting. This meeting brings us together today to discuss the prospects of cooperation between Islamic countries participating in this Coalition. I extend my sincere gratitude to Saudi Arabia for leading efforts in combating terrorism, radical ideology, and continuing to defend Arab and Islamic nations.

Brothers,

The responsibility of the Islamic Coalition is to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The Coalition's efforts are not solely directed against "ISIS", but all terrorist organizations. In light of the defeat of "ISIS" and its surrender of controlled areas in Iraq and Syria, I want to emphasize that the defeat of a military organization does not necessarily mean it is over. Think of the organisation's ideology which is still present and transcends boundaries, threatening and leaving an impact around the world. This requires the Coalition's member nations to focus its fight against radical ideology, because it is a central instrument used in the dogma of terrorism organizations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over the past years, ISIS has managed to gain the allegiance and sympathy of terrorist organizations in countries beyond Iraq and Syria, enabling

them to create a foot hold in some countries; especially those suffering from instability. These countries are serving as alternates places, in case, they retreat from previously controlled areas in Iraq and Syria. The organization's adherence to the "Caliphate State", was and remains a strategic point of significance. It has made ISIS, an attractive organization for thousands of foreign fighters and sympathizers from various countries around the world; this has lead us to adopt a clear strategy to combat these organizations ideologically.

The contemporary phenomenon of terrorism is distinguished through its mass dissemination of both its objectives and results. Terrorist groups have developed their methodologies, and have extended their reach towards the exploitation of technology for their own gain. There is a need to have a similar development in the fight against terrorism and extremism. A focus on hastening efforts to overcome terrorism in this arena, it is necessary to employ an information hub to combat terrorism, that will raise awareness on the threat of terrorism and its heinous practices. It is necessary to clarify the deliberate distortion of facts, the manipulation of religious texts for their own agendas and highlight true religious attitudes that rejects terrorism. A communication strategy will ultimately lead to an erosion of terrorism within public opinion.

Brothers,

In regards to the fight against the financing of terrorism, we need to focus on putting forth a greater effort to target and drain their sources of financing to combat this phenomenon. There will be no toleration for any individuals or organizations that facilitates the financing, arming or

propagation of terrorist groups. Legal action must be taken against money laundering and the withholding funds from suspicious accounts.

Jordan has taken a holistic approach in the stand against extremism and terrorism. We believe, that the fight against terrorism requires a unified international effort. I invite everyone to increase cooperation, coordination and the exchange of information regarding relevant regulations and information. Your contribution to the exchange of expertise, security, and logistical support, will allow us to learn from the experiences of leading countries in the fight against terrorism.

Jordan reaffirms its commitment, before, the international community to the fight against terrorism and radical ideology, because we believe that countering terrorism is not limited to a state or region, but is the responsibility of everyone.

Thank you Saudi Arabia for hosting this event. I ask Allah to protect Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz from all evil, and may He sustain our blessings and security.

Wa Al-Salam Alaikom wa Rahmatullah wa Barakato ,,,