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ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



State of Palestine

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful  
His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince  
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Minister of Defense,  
Your Excellences, Ministers of Defense of the Arab and Islamic countries,  
Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, and prayers and peace be upon  
our Prophet Muhammad, the last of the prophets and messengers, and  
upon his family and companions.

I am going to echo the statements made by my colleagues in extending  
our deep condolences and sympathy to the Egyptian people, families of  
victims, and the wounded. While we are meeting in this important  
conference in the holy land of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I would like to  
greet all of you with the greeting of Islam, may the peace, mercy and  
blessings of Allah be with you.

It is a great honour for me to convey the greetings of His Excellency  
President Mahmoud Abas to the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King  
Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince  
Mohammed bin Salman and to everyone here. I want to convey the great  
appreciation and gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has an  
honourable history in providing support and assistance on the question of  
Palestinian in all forms, including material, political and moral. The  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has always been concerned with the question of  
Palestine and its legitimate fight to restore the rights of the Palestinian  
people, end the occupation and establish a Palestinian state with  
Jerusalem as its capital, the first of the two Qiblas, and the third of the holy  
shrines. In return, our people express their appreciation for the great  
support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

His Royal Highness

Excellencies,

We are meeting today, under dangerous circumstances where huge challenges, powerful circumstances and critical developments are happening in our countries and region. Amid the escalating changes, threats and the systematic threat of aggression and terrorism have been tampering with national security and causing destabilization in Arab and Islamic countries. We must defend our security, existence and capabilities, as well as the future of our generations in the face of terrorism, which has become a collective responsibility and an international epidemic.

Terrorism has spread across our region and taken on new dimensions to fuelling extremism and stirring up acts of subversion through incitement, funding and weaponry. For this reason, we are unified under the umbrella of this Coalition to deter terrorism, protect security and stability and defend the values of Islam.

In this context, we highly value the wise, courageous and significant initiative undertaken by the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdul Aziz, the Crown Prince, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman to establish this Coalition. The IMCTC, today represents the nation's shield and sword and will defend the security, independence and sovereignty of its Member countries. The IMCTC also has the support of our nation, and we stand by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with its brotherly and spiritual stature, on any measures taken to protect its security and stability. Our commitment is to collective security, which should be held to the greatest importance, especially in light of the

emerging threats and risks, which is difficult for any single country to face regardless of its potential or power.

Our solidarity with Saudi Arabia comes at a time, when we are defending of the values of Islam, the loved homes and Qiblas of Islam. This stance comes from our sense of responsibility and duty to our rights. We reaffirm Palestine's solidarity, as a government and people, with our brothers in Saudi Arabia against terrorism and its threats towards the security of the Kingdom, our nation, and collective security.

Meanwhile, the State of Palestine is suffering from organized terrorism which is targeting our people's rights, and the sanctity of Muslims and Christians alike.

His Royal Highness

Excellencies,

We are fully aware that the Israeli occupation and its crimes, aggression and terrorism continues to play an important role in fuelling terrorism and extremism. This means that the fight against terrorism and the ability to eradicate its roots from our country requires renewing efforts to end the occupation and allow the Palestinian people to attain their rights and freedom based on the resolutions of international charters and the Arab Peace Initiative for achieving a comprehensive. Through this we will achieve, just and lasting peace for all people and nations in the region with the support of our brothers and friends.

Finally, may Allah protect you and the Arab and Muslim nations forever.

The greeting of Islam, May the peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be with you.