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التحالف الإسلامي العسكري لمحاربة الإرهاب
ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



Republic of Somalia

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Your Excellency, Mohammed bin Salman the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense. I bring to you warm greetings from our President His Excellency Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

I would like to thank and commend His Excellency Mohammed bin Salman for championing this important forum for the Islamic Military Counter-Terrorism Coalition. A Coalition, which is committed to the fight against terrorism on multiple fronts, including ideology, communications, counter-terrorist financing and fighting against terrorists militarily.

Excellencies, sitting here today are representatives of brotherly nations who have stood shoulder to shoulder with the many nations at the darkest moments in the past three decades. I am glad to now say, Somalia is on the path to recovery, and it is a testament to the support of the all nations represented here today. We as collective nations of faith are at a crossroads. What we do now to face the challenges of extremism will determine the long-term peace and prosperity of our purpose. This is why I believe this coalition against extremism is timely for too long we have allowed those whose sole wish is to transgress against our faith, our way of life and the future of children, whether they call themselves Al-Qaeda, Daesh, Boko Haram or in the case of Somalia Al-Shabaab, they are united in their misrepresentation and misinterpretation of all that we hold there our most sacred religion.

Your Excellencies, I am sure you are all too aware we meet today in the shadow of the most devastating terrorist attacks Somalia has suffered and perhaps one of the most devastating the world has witnessed in recent times. The perpetrators of heinous terrorist attacks are the extremists, Al-Shabaab group who have modeled themselves on the global extremist groups that have perpetrated attacks and reeked of havoc on so many of our nations in order to instill fear and discord in each of our peoples. The aim of this despicable cowardice is killer, it is to sow the seeds of this unity and dissuade our nation from staying on the righteous path to security and prosperity. Therefore, rest assured the Somali nation will not be erratic from the task of defeating this criminal group and to stand shoulder to shoulder with all of you. We call on all of you to train us on this fighting against Al-Shabaab and provide us with the necessary support towards a gain and for all extremism in Somalia to ensure that we accomplish our shared short, medium and long-term objectives to rid our nations of these abhorrent groups. Finally, I would like to express my condolences to the families and victims of the recent terrorist attack in Egypt. I thank you and Allah is the best guardian and the best victory leader.