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State of Kuwait

## HE Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defense Statement

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate,  
Praise is to Allah and peace and blessings be upon our faithful Prophet  
Mohammed, his family, and companions.

My brother, His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bin Salman bin Abdul  
Aziz, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defense of the  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Chairman of this meeting,

Your Highnesses, Excellences the Ministers of Defense, brethren and  
friendly nations,

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the kind invitation  
from our brethren in Saudi Arabia, and thank them for hosting and  
convening this meeting at the level of Ministers of Defense of the IMCTC  
member countries. I ask Allah to guide us along this path, so that we may  
achieve success.

It is not strange to our brethren in Saudi Arabia, that Allah has honoured  
them by serving as Custodians to the two Holy Mosques. They have played  
an essential role in sacrificing for the fight against extremism and terrorism  
for decades; today it aims to complete this process through the  
establishment of the Islamic Coalition.

Your Highnesses,

The world and our region has experienced exceptional circumstances that  
has produced serious risk and challenges. Its repercussions has led to  
indiscriminate suffering and consequences. We must stand together to  
prevent and stop terrorist and extremist organizations and armed militias

from exploiting these circumstances to spread destructive ideas, brutality, displacement and intimidation. The so called Islamic justification used by terrorist organizations, is a far cry from the principles and values of Sharia law and humanity.

Our Coalition today has convened with the international community and is an essential indicator and message that there are no an exceptions to the phenomenon of terrorism and extremism in society. Today, this is not linked to a certain religion or a people, and the Islamic community has suffered the most.

My Brothers,

Kuwait is keen to participate on the front lines of this Coalition, it is firmly positioned to rejection of terrorism, extremism and the distortion of religion as a pretext. We are following current events, and terrorism is growing like a cancer, its reach and manifestations at regional and international level calls for necessary action to direct our efforts and energies to eliminate this phenomenon and dry up the resources of terrorism. It is an imperative for us to work together to prevent the spread of subversion and sectarian strife that poses a threat, as terrorism does, to the integrity, security and stability of nations.

The targeting of a peaceful Mosque in the Arab Republic of Egypt, proves that terrorism is not a result of Islam. The State of Kuwait expresses its strong condemnation of this incident, and extends to its sincere condolences to the families of victims. We reiterate our solidarity the our brethren in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and affirms all actions to maintain its security and stability.

Your Highnesses and Excellences,

There is no doubt that will all understand the nature of the circumstances, and we all agree that our countries are not immune to terrorisms repercussions and risks. In our brotherly bond and alignment will we build a strong Coalition at all levels, political, economic, social, militarily, media and security in the face of all attempts undermining our religion, Islam and strive to strengthen our homelands and protect our communities from extremism, subversion and conflict.

We ask Allah almighty, our protector and helper to bring success to all of us.

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