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Republic of Yemen

Your Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Your Excellences the Ministers of defense;

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you

I stand among you today as a representative of the Republic of Yemen in the Inaugural Meeting of the IMCTC Ministers of Defense Council in the capital of Arab hospitality, Riyadh. However, it is worth mentioning our thanks and gratitude to the patron and the owner of this invitation, the King of firmness and determination, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and his Crown Prince the leader of the of the Arab Islamic Alliance, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, for their enormous efforts in leading the nation's fight against terrorism, addressing its repercussions, ending its threats on world peace and security. In addition, our thanks and appreciation for all the countries participating in the Arab Islamic Alliance.

To our host brethren in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, this conference is an event that achieves historical precedence for our nation, it calls for importance and necessity, recognition for the extraordinary military presence of the Arab Islamic Alliance, and the international standing and prestige of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who are leading the people and the governments of the Islamic world through this decisive battle that threatens to distort the tolerance of Islam, peace, life and co-existence.

Your Royal Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The resolution of the battle against terrorism is one of the most important priorities of our nation and the duty of its armies and

governments. It is necessary to formulate strategies, provide the means, legislate reforms and take the fight to all fronts, ideological, financial, military and the security domains to encircle and siege terrorism to rid the world of its evil. All the forces of the free world in different directions and creeds must coordinate and cooperate to confront terrorism by all means necessary for the sake of humankind to enjoy a future of coexistence, security and peace.

Your Royal Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of Yemen is one of the first countries to be engulfed by the flames of terrorism, and as a result has paid a heavy price. We have encountered terrorism in various manifestations, and we are still in an open battle with Al Qaeda, other organizations and Iranian terrorism in the form of militia groups, such as the Iranian Houthis terrorist organizations. The realization here is that terrorism is an integrated system, painted with different colors, turbans and doctrines, the war cries of assassin and the murder of innocent civilians are one and the same; despite the various names and renewed skins of terrorism.

In Yemen, after reaching the full potential of terrorism's scope in 2015, His Excellency Field Marshal Abdel Rabo Mansour Hadi of the Republic of Yemen, called and appealed to our brethren in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States, and the Arab League to intervene in order to restore the legitimacy of Yemen from the hands its captors. The response was gracious, and met with the launch of the Operation Storm of Resolve on March 26, 2015, given the seriousness of the conspiracy that threatens Yemen, the Arabian Peninsula, the region, and international peace and security.

The Alliance was able to restore the legitimacy and succeeded in reclaiming most of the Yemeni territory, while accomplishing severe and successive defeats to Al-Qaeda and its supporters. The Alliance succeeded in making destructive blows to Al-Qaeda and its cells. The battle is on-going and in accordance to well-prepared plans until victory, Allah willing.

Your Royal Highness, may Allah bless you, Ladies and Gentlemen, In this meeting, I stress the need to identify expectations of the Arab and Muslims nations, in order to add significant support, the battle against terrorism in Yemen, and to dissuade the Iranian regime from supporting and financing terrorism against other countries. I am sure of Tehran's involvement in supporting terrorism such as the Houthi militias and Hezbollah.

Finally, I wish for our peoples and the generations to come to live in peace and coexistence, in the absence of dark menace of terrorism. Again, I would like to thank our brothers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and all the Arab and Muslim member countries in the coalition, I wish everyone success, and to look out for the people who stay on the ground.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.