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التحالف الإسلامي العسكري لمحاربة الإرهاب
ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



Republic of Tunisia

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

Your Excellences and Ministers,

Ladies and Gentlemen;

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Let me in the beginning to express my pride in participating in the
Inaugural Meeting of the IMCTC Ministers of Defense Council. I
would also like to extend His Excellency the President of the
Republic, Beji Caid Essebsi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed
Forces, greetings to his brother King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, the
King of Saudi Arabia, and His Highness Prince Mohammed bin
Salman bin Abdelaziz.

On this occasion, I would like to emphasize the solid relationship
between Tunisia and Saudi Arabia and the firm resolve our two
countries share to strengthen our relationship in all areas. Tunisia
reaffirms its solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and stands
firmly by its side in confronting threats against its security, stability
and its territorial integrity. We reject all forms of interference in the
internal affairs of countries and all actions that threaten the peace
and security on regional and international levels.

In Tunisia, we have expressed without hesitation, our strong
condemnation of the craven terrorist operations that targeted the
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the latest of which was the targeting of
King Khalid Airport in Riyadh by a ballistic missile. We also express
our strong condemnation of the despicable terrorist attack on a

mosque in North Sinai. We affirm our rejection and condemnation of any military operations in civilian areas, considering them a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.

Your Royal Highness,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The threat of extremism and terrorism has exacerbated in recent years in an unprecedented manner through the expansion of terrorist organizations that are now targeting the security and stability of the entire Arab region. Tunisia has been subjected to a number of cowardly terrorist operations in an attempt to undermine security and stability. This is a strike the against national economy and an attempt to confuse the path of democratic transition. However, through the readiness of our security and military forces, the cohesion of our people and their awareness, foiled the terrorists' schemes and failed their calculations.

Facing this great danger, which indiscriminately targets all our countries, we must coordinate our efforts, intensify our cooperation through the implementation of international treaties to confront terrorism and develop comprehensive strategies to eradicate this menace and cut off its sources of support and funding.

On this occasion, Tunisia, which has joined the initiative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to establish the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, and expresses its readiness and willingness to contribute in accordance with its capabilities, and to strengthen its capabilities to confront the scourge of abhorrent terrorism. Despite the delicate situation that our country is undergoing and the difficulties it faces at all levels, especially in the realm of security,

support is required to harness all available resources and capabilities.

Finally, I hope that our meeting will achieve its success.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.