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التحالف الإسلامي العسكري لمحاربة الإرهاب  
ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



Kingdom of Bahrain

In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful  
Your Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, Crown  
Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defense  
Your Highnesses and Excellencies,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

I would like to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its unique and kind leadership in the initiative of Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition, to activate integrated efforts to combat terrorism, the menace threatening our countries and people.

The exceptional circumstances are countries are experiencing is the result of countries adopting and supporting terrorist organizations. This situation has reached dangerous turn, where the security and stability of our countries are threatened. Iran has come to the forefront of these countries, in its attempt to reach out in darkness to escalate the situation through its interference to pose a clear threat to countries and people within the region.

Iran's organizations and rockets targeted the country of the Two Holy Mosques, and occupied UAE's islands in a way that is incompatible with our Islamic values and international norms. Iran, has also sought to establish their terrorist organizations such as Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Hizbollah, and Houthis.

The Kingdom of Bahrain has not been spared from those terrorist interferences. On the contrary, it suffered from a series of terrorist attacks costing the country 26 deaths and more than 3000 injuries among security personnel and citizens. The most recent of which was the explosion of an

oil pipeline. This is a call to all of us to stand together and form a unified front to face terrorism.

We assure the Kingdom of Bahrain's condemnation to all terrorist interferences and attacks, and reaffirms its support to all efforts in the fight against terrorism and its groups.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.