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التحالف الإسلامي العسكري لمحاربة الإرهاب  
ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION



United Arab Emirates

Your Royal Highness Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister of Defense;

Your Royal Highness and Excellences;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you

We are pleased to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our brethren in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their great reception, organization and hospitality. Thank you as well, for choosing the slogan "Allied Against Terrorism" to describe our meeting today, which is held amid an escalation of the threat of terrorism, which is not limited to a specific organization or extremist stream, but includes all terrorist activities regardless of doctrine and religion. This includes any connection to this malicious activity from funding, arming, supporting or providing media platforms, information cooperation or ideological sympathies.

We believe that the defeat of terrorism culturally, ideologically, and by influential media, is not any less important than its military and security defeat. The battle of our countries is not only with extremism and terrorism, but at the same time a battle for progress that deserves to be fought with all seriousness and determination for our future generations.

Therefore, the development of education and the dissemination of a culture of moderation, tolerance and pluralism, acceptance of diversity and the promotion of the right religious awareness are in its entirety the fundamentals and requirements of victory in the face of extremism and terrorism.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.