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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud
Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

Their Royal Highnesses

Honourable Presidents and Prime Ministers

Mr Secretary General

Excellencies

Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamualaikum,

All praise be to Allah s.w.t, for with His grace and mercy we are here today in the holy city of Makkah al-Mukarramah in this blessed month of Ramadan.

2. We are very honoured and privileged to be Your Majesty's guests at this Islamic Summit. May I convey our utmost gratitude and appreciation for the kind and generous hospitality Your Majesty and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has bestowed upon us since our arrival. May Allah s.w.t bless Your Majesty and the people of Saudi Arabia with everlasting peace and prosperity. May I also join others in extending our heartfelt condolence and deep sympathy to the government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the devastating earthquake that hit the country a few days ago.

3. Our gathering here in the holy city of Mecca, at the wise and far-sighted initiative of Your Majesty, affords us a timely opportunity to reflect on the current state of affairs affecting Muslim countries and the Muslim Ummah. Insya-Allah, with strong determination, commitment and political will, we will be able to redress the many problems currently faced by the Ummah. We must find effective solutions and resolutions that will alleviate the suffering faced by our Muslim brothers and sisters. May Allah s.w.t guide us and grant us wisdom in our deliberations and steadfastness to implement our collective decisions.

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4. The escalating violence in Syria is sad, shocking and shameful. We continue to witness the carnage, suffering and unnecessary loss of innocent lives, including women and children. Thousands of Syrians are being forced to flee their homeland and seek shelter in neighbouring countries. It is hard to imagine how a country like Syria – with such a rich, proud and venerable history – could slide so far, and so fast, into incivility. The Syrian government must be told, in no uncertain terms, that its bombardment of its own people - including the indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas by heavy and aerial weaponry - must stop. It is also hard to imagine after so much killings and inflicting horrendous miseries and hardship to his own people, how could a leader continue to hold on to power without any sense of guilt and accountability.

5. There must be an immediate end to the senseless killings and appalling human rights violations, especially against civilians. We are deeply concerned over the deteriorating humanitarian situation and the failure of the Syrian regime to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need. We urge the Syrian authorities to cooperate with the United Nations and international humanitarian aid agencies for speedy delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Syrian people.

6. Malaysia, at this point of time, still believes that the Six Point Peace Plan, as outlined by Kofi Annan, presents the best option to resolve the crisis. We regret his decision to resign as the Joint United Nations-Arab League Envoy to Syria. Nevertheless, we must continue his efforts to find an effective solution to this crisis. We believe that the Plan could restore peace, security and stability in the country. We appeal to all parties, especially the Syrian leadership, to give its full support to efforts to find a peaceful and lasting solution. In particular, we call on parties to adhere to the UNGA Resolution adopted on 3 August 2012, which paves the way for the Syrian people to decide the future of their country in a truly democratic and inclusive manner.

7. Like other member states of the OIC, Malaysia maintains the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries. However, in view of the serious deterioration of the conflict that could lead to a brutal civil war and in the search for a peaceful and lasting resolution, Malaysia supports the proposed decision of OIC to suspend the membership of Syria. We consider the suspension as a symbolic gesture to send a clear message to Syria on the need to take measures to stop the bloodshed and to embark on peaceful resolution of the crisis for the sake of the people of Syria and to protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation. In taking this decision Malaysia urges member states particularly the regional players of Arab states to continue their constructive engagement with all concerned parties in Syria to deliver a peaceful and lasting solution to the country.

Your Majesty,

8. This august Organisation, since its inception, has put great emphasis on assisting the Palestinians in their struggle to restore their inalienable rights. We must ensure that the issue of Palestine remains on our active agenda, and on the agenda of the United Nations, until the Palestinians regain their homeland and their suffering and deprivations come to an end. At this important meeting, let us reaffirm our unequivocal support to our Palestinian brothers in their efforts to gain membership of the United Nations during the upcoming UN General Assembly.

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9. As we look to address the problems in the Middle East we must not ignore the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. As a Muslim country located close to Myanmar, Malaysia is extremely concerned over reports of serious human rights abuses perpetrated against the Rohingya Muslims.

10. We are very pleased that the government of Myanmar has extended an invitation to the OIC Secretary General to visit Myanmar to verify the facts on the ground and to objectively assess the appropriate steps that the OIC could and must take to assist the Rohingya Muslims. Malaysia believes that it is crucial to take a holistic approach in addressing the Rohingya issue, including how to address Rohingya Muslims who have been displaced across the region. Malaysia alone hosts around 70,000 Rohingya Muslims in our country. There are thousands more seeking shelter in other countries, including in Saudi Arabia.

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11. Our quest for peace, security and development for the Ummah is a daunting task. Yet it is

achievable so long as we remain focused and undertake the actions we have agreed. This Organization has done well since its inception, and we can do better for the sake of the Ummah. Our strength has always been the principle of Wasatiyyah, in our discussions and in our actions. The wisdom and prudence of Wasatiyyah in addressing issues affecting the Ummah is the best and most inclusive approach.

12. Malaysia's initiative through the Global Movement of the Moderates seeks to promote peaceful global coexistence by universalizing the principle of Wasatiyyah. Recognizing that untrammelled use of force and extremism when left unchecked can lead to global instability, Malaysia has set up the Global Movement of the Moderates Foundation as a centre of advocacy for the universalization of moderation in every aspect of humanity's endeavour. Malaysia believes that the Global Movement of the Moderates is a global imperative that deserves the attention of all. As we come here together in this holy month of Ramadan, let us pray that our deliberations today will be constructive and productive in finding solutions for the peace and development of the Ummah.

13. I would like to commend and congratulate Your Majesty for proposing the centre of dialogue for Islamic Doctrines. It is a visionary initiative which will help to strengthen the unity of the Ummah and to ingrain Islamic values like moderation irrespective of our Islamic School of Thought.

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14. Thank you once again for inviting us to this holy city of Makkah al-Mukarramah during the venerable month of Ramadan. You have my utmost appreciation for your gracious hospitality during this Summit. May Your Majesty's guidance provide us with the wisdom to conclude our discussions successfully. May Allah s.w.t continue to shower His blessing upon us all. As Eid-ul-Fitr is approaching in a few days, may I take this opportunity to wish Eid Mubarak to all of you.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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