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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Honourable attendees

First of all, I am delighted to greet and welcome you to Doha to participate in the Ninth World Policy Conference

I would also like to thank the French Institute for International Relations and all those in charge of organizing this conference.

We are probably all aware that our contemporary world is going through an unprecedented phase, abundant with grave challenges to safety, stability and sustainable development in the shadow of the impaired world order that suffers from double standards in dealing with people's affairs. Despite this, we have to seek forcibly to derive the maximum benefit from what we have achieved in the field of scientific advancement and investing human capital in all aspects of life, whereby the possibility of isolation for any country seeking to distance itself from the international arena has become non-existent. Hence, the prominence of the importance of international cooperation, coordination and genuine partnerships between the countries emerges, on the regional and international levels and between governments, nations and the civil society organizations.

Honourable attendees,

The establishment of collective stability and security both require the active powers in the international community, especially the Security Council, to commit to international legitimacy and to bear the moral and legal responsibility for implementing the will of the nations and their legitimate aspirations for stability, security, freedom and change.

The greatest challenge in the Middle East region remains the peace process between the Palestinians and Israel, in the difficulties and obstacles it encounters which make it hard or rather impossible to achieve the desired peace and stability in the region, unless, through a full commitment by Israel to the foundations and principles of the peace process in accordance with the two-state solution that the international community has ratified, based on decisions of international legitimacy.

The absence of a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue not only threatens any attempts at the achievement and establishment of stability and security in the Middle East region, but those of the whole world.

In this context, the humanitarian catastrophe suffered by our brothers, the Syrian people, at the hands of the current Syrian regime is still casting its catastrophic impact on the overall situation in the Middle East region which threatens the preservation of the unity of Syria's land and people.



If we contemplate the gravity of the violations of the international humanitarian law in the cities, villages and neighbourhoods of Syria by the Syrian regime, we become bewildered by the gigantic distance between its size and the positions of the international community. Undoubtedly, the continuation of this crisis demands that the international community, especially the Security Council, bear their legal and humanitarian responsibility more than ever to impose the implementation of its demands for a ceasefire to protect the Syrian people from killing and displacement.

Speaking of Syria obligates us naturally to mention the humanitarian crisis that affects all the countries of the world, requiring them to exert increasing efforts in addressing it, that is, the crisis of the refugees and displaced Syrians.

We stress here the need for the international community, especially the United Nations, to act to achieve a comprehensive prospect for the settlement of conflicts, starting with protection through mediation, aimed at preventing disputes escalating to conflicts, via conflict management and culminating in a settlement based on comprehensive peace agreements, followed by a phase of sustainability of peace and stability.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The terrorism phenomenon has become a serious and imminent threat to the stability in the Middle East region and the world's stability in its various economic, political, social, security and developmental aspects.

With respect to countering terrorism, this should not be limited to the security aspects, despite their extreme importance, but should also be collectively countered at national, regional and international level, encompassing cultural, intellectual, ideological, economic, social and media aspects.

In this context, we are all aware of the extent of the need to benefit from the potential and abilities of youth, since, they are the future of peoples and nations. This benefit will not be optimally achieved unless they are protected and their aspirations and ambitions fulfilled. This requires taking the necessary measures to employ all the suitable tools in dealing with their problems to prevent them becoming easy prey for being drawn to terrorism groups.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Honourable guests,

The world is still looking for the potential to stimulate economic growth and improve quality of life, as an important input for achieving social justice and providing the stability to which peoples aspire.

In this context, it is a requirement to counter the development challenges and overcome the risks and negative effects on political and social stability especially in the countries of slower growth, requiring the international community to support the endeavours of those countries in attaining their goals in economic, social and other areas of growth. This can be achieved through the fulfilment of international obligations concerning development assistance in all its forms in such a way as to give hope to the nations that they will be able to achieve the desired sustainable growth and support endeavours to achieve stability throughout the world.



In this context, the State of Qatar has spared no effort in providing developmental assistance and fulfilling its international obligations in this regard in relation to numerous regions of the world.

I should point out here that the State of Qatar has achieved great things in realising sustainable growth as shown in regional and international reports, especially in fields such as education, health, employment; activating the role of youth; enhancement and protection of human rights and achieving outstanding economic growth rates in recent years. This is thanks to the wise leadership of my Lord HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the beloved Emir of Qatar “may Allah preserve him” and the keenness of HH to fulfil the aspirations of the Qatari people in all aspects of life. We in Qatar shall continue the ongoing development and comprehensive growth, and proceed in this approach with determination in order to achieve prosperity, welfare and sustainable development for the people of Qatar. This will be achieved through the Vision 2030 and related strategic plans for the establishment of a modern state, based on justice and the rule of law, openness in foreign relations in accordance with strong principles and foundations the most important of which are mutual respect; common interests according to the rules of international legitimacy and interaction between peoples, cultures and civilizations; respecting human rights; requiring the settlement of disputes by peaceful means and renouncing the use of force and other methods of applying pressure.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Honourable guests,

We recognize the importance of the issues and subjects included in the orientation of this conference given the political variables experienced in the world, including the experience of the European Union at the present time. Therefore, we await the outcome of your discussions with great concern, hoping that this conference achieves the desired goal in order to promote efforts for achieving security, stability and sustainable development throughout the world.

Finally, I once again welcome you to Doha and wish you all the best and success for this conference.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you,