

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Yousef Abdelghani
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Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

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Your Excellency President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev , President of the Republic of Kazakhstan,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

It's a great honor for me to participate in the 6th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, and I would take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding arrangements for this important Summit. Under the Chairmanship of His Excellency President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev , of the Republic of Kazakhstan and we wish Kazakhstan a successful chairmanship,

I would also like to thank His Excellency President Emomali Rahmon and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for its great Chairmanship over the past term, and for its remarkable efforts in furthering the work of CICA

We also welcome the state of Kuwait as a new Member of CICA, as a valuable addition to our forum, and wish Kuwait a successful membership.

Excellencies,

As CICA celebrates this year its 30th anniversary, CICA is witnessing a comprehensive transformation to international regional organization for security and cooperation , this will enhance CICA role in the international arena as a reliable organization that promotes security and cooperation in one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

Jordan would like to reiterate its full support to the vision of Kazakhstan in this transformation process, and is assured that the wise leadership of HE President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev will lead us to more progress and success.

Excellencies

Since its establishment, CICA has truly become a part of a modern vision that consolidates our shared history and diversity and it has become one of the biggest regional platforms in Asia. And could play an active role in preventing future conflicts and solving current disputes among its members. We can take advantage of our future organization to achieve peaceful settlements and bring peace and stability to our region.

Excellencies,

The spread of pandemic showed us how vulnerable we are towards environmental elements and has also taught us that we can overcome such challenges through unity and cooperation only, this could apply to all other challenges that facing us in a fast-evolving modern world, such as terrorism,

poverty, water shortages, food security, refugees, cyber security, climate change and others, that's why the work of CICA is very important.

Excellencies,

The crisis in the Middle East has not been resolved yet. The Palestinian-Israeli conflict, is still a main concern to the whole world, peace continues to be elusive.

As His Majesty King Abdullah, the second stated in the UN general assembly:

A founding UN principle is the right to self-determination for all peoples. The Palestinian people, with their resilient national identity, cannot be denied this right. And the road forward is the two-state solution, in accordance with UN resolutions—a sovereign, viable, and independent Palestinian state, on the 4th of June 1967 lines, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side-by-side with Israel in peace, security, and prosperity.

Jordan also would like to stress on the importance of the Historic Hashemite Custodianship of the Holy Muslim and Christian sites in the Holy City of Jerusalem. And on its firm objection of any unilateral decision that might lead to changing the status quo of the holy city. We would like also to pay attention to the financial situation of The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugee (UNRWA).

Excellencies

We hope to see a smooth and constructive process of transformation of CICA into an effective regional organization, a process based on mutual respect and on our common and shared values that unite us, in order to achieve our collective security, and to establish the foundations for fruitful future cooperation.