

**Statement by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Expatriates His Excellency Mr. Ayman Safadi
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and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

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*Your Excellency Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chair of
the Sixth Ministerial Conference of CICA,*

Dear Friends,

Thank you, Minister Tileuberdi, for convening us today, and for the tremendous efforts of Kazakhstan's Chairmanship in steering the CICA process, and for organizing this important gathering.

Dear friends,

Our meeting offers a unique opportunity to advance our cooperation. Indeed, only through active regional and global multilateral platforms, such as CICA, will we be able to prevail over common challenges and cease opportunities. Our collective response and coordinated measures are key to efficiently address the global challenges of: conflicts, refugees, injustices, pandemics, terrorism, and many others.

Excellencies, dear friends,

The Middle East deserves the peace, stability, and security, it has been denied for decades. The Palestinian people have suffered for far too long. There can be no lasting just peace until they enjoy their full rights. Occupation must end. The two-state solution, that guarantees the emergence of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state, with occupied Jerusalem as its capital, on June 4 1967 lines, living side by side Israel, in peace and security, in accordance with international law, is the only path to comprehensive regional peace that we all seek.

Dear friends,

Jerusalem, the city of peace, is key. The legal and historical status in the holy city must be respected. Jerusalemites must not be evicted from their homes. Their children must have a safe path to schools and back home. The legal and historical status in Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian Holy Sites must be upheld. And in delivering its responsibilities under the Hashemite custodianship of Jerusalem's Muslim and Christian Holy Sites, Jordan will continue to do all that is possible to preserve the Arab Christian Muslim identity of the city and its holy sites. And in continuation of its long held policies, the Kingdom will continue to do all it can, and work with all our partners, to ensure our region and all our peoples, enjoy the peace that they deserve.

Dear Friends,

We will also continue to work to solve other regional conflicts. The Syrian crisis and all the misery and destruction it has brought must end through a political solution that preserves Syria and its unity, and restores its stability. So must the crises in Yemen and Libya.

Dear Friends,

As we congratulate Iraq on the conclusion of successful elections, we will continue to support Iraq, its stability, and sovereignty.

Dear Friends,

The plight of refugees cannot be forgotten. Nor should refugees be the responsibility of host countries alone. Supporting refugees is a global responsibility.

Excellencies,

Jordan is committed to working with you on facing other common challenges. Nuclear disarmament is a worthy cause that deserves all our support. Jordan will also continue to advocate for a Middle East free from all Weapons of Mass Destruction. And our commitment to fighting terrorism will not waver. Terrorism is a common threat that has nothing to do with our shared humanity. Indeed, it has nothing to do with Islam and the values of peace and respect, it celebrates. The enduring defeat of terrorism demands that we cooperate on ending conditions of chaos and despair in which it thrives.

Dear Friends,

The Kingdom is committed to strengthening our partnership with all CICA members. This is a partnership that can do a lot of good for us and for the world at large.

Together we will continue to work for international environment of peace, security and prosperity.

Thank you.