

**Statement by Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani**  
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**Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)**

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In the name of Allah the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful  
Your Excellency Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan,  
Your Highnesses and Excellencies,  
Distinguished guests,  
Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah,

Mr. President, I would like to convey to you the greetings and appreciation  
of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness  
Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister,  
and their best wishes to the Republic of Kazakhstan and its friendly people  
for continued growth and prosperity, and to this summit for success in  
achieving its objectives towards further peace, stability and prosperity for  
the Asian continent and its peoples.

I am also pleased to extend my utmost thanks and appreciation to the  
friendly Republic of Kazakhstan, under the leadership of His Excellency  
President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, for hosting the Summit of the  
Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia  
(CICA), and for the generous hospitality we received, as well as its

excellent organization and preparation, expressing my pride in representing the Kingdom of Bahrain in this important and historic summit.

I would also like to congratulate the delegation of the State of Kuwait for its admission to membership in this important Conference, wishing them success in enriching the work of the Conference and achieving its goals.

Your Excellencies and Highnesses,

We meet today at this special summit, which is held as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of this important Conference, in an effort to enhance cooperation and develop relations in all fields between the countries of this ambitious system, and in confirmation of the depth of the historical and cultural relations that bind our countries and peoples, and in order to ensure their security, stability and prosperity.

This summit is taking place as the world around us is facing bitter conflicts and disputes, and extremely difficult political, security and economic challenges, whose grave repercussions threaten international peace and security, drain countries' resources and energies, affect the humanitarian situation and the lives of ordinary people and increase their suffering.

It is also taking place as the countries of the world have begun to recover gradually from the impacts of COVID-19, the effects of which have eased and faded, thanks to the concerted international efforts that have been made at all levels and fields to confront it and mitigate its repercussions.

The Kingdom of Bahrain affirms from this platform that peace and human solidarity is the only way to ensure global security and stability, achieve the aspired growth and prosperity for all peoples of the world, and guarantee their right to a free and dignified life, and that international cooperation and partnership is a basic requirement to confront all challenges and difficulties that impede development and construction efforts in many countries of the world.

We also affirm that tolerance and peaceful coexistence between peoples, religions, beliefs and mutual respect is a duty dictated by the requirements of coexistence, human unity, and the values of brotherhood, cooperation and solidarity, called for by the religions, beliefs and human civilizations, and that these are the principles and values pursued by the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Mr. President,

Your Highnesses and Excellencies,

Regional and international organizations have always had an active role in resolving crises and conflicts in a way that contributes to achieving global security, stability and peace, and promoting effective and constructive joint cooperation among their member states.

As an effective and influential Asian system, and as we seek to provide sustainable prosperity for all of our countries, we are called upon to unite our efforts and harness all energies and capabilities to achieve our aspirations to preserve the security and stability of our countries and build

an effective strategic partnership to achieve further growth and prosperity for the good and interest of our peoples.

We are also required to resolve regional crises and conflicts through diplomacy in accordance with the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, which stipulates in Chapter VIII of it that regional organizations play their role in resolving crises and disputes between states, because human life, security and prosperity are prioritized over all political considerations and interests.

If we are to look forward to a better future for the countries and peoples of this globally important continent, it is our duty to work towards achieving peace in all its regions, consolidating cooperation, strengthening friendship and building confidence among all countries and peoples of Asia.

And here we see the importance of CICA to contribute to achieving our aspirations, which underlines the need to provide all the ingredients to ensure the continued success and development of this organization.

Mr. President,

The will for change requires wisdom, insight and an ambitious future vision, which this Conference has been able to achieve, under the responsible leadership of the Republic of Kazakhstan, with steady and clear steps over the past few years. Today, we are witnessing a new chapter of constructive and effective change, to devote the benevolent efforts of the leaders of our countries to promote peace, security and stability in the Member States, combat terrorism regionally and

internationally, and achieve the aspirations of their people for further development and prosperity.

The continent of Asia, with its huge and diverse resources, natural and economic potential and human energies, deserves to play a greater role on the international arena in all political, economic and development fields.

In this context, the Kingdom of Bahrain reaffirms its support for all efforts aimed at achieving these objectives, which give precedence to the people of Asia, as they are the development pillar and its main objective.

Mr. President,

I would like to restate the Kingdom of Bahrain's pride in its membership in CICA, its genuine welcome for the initiative of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to transform it into a full regional international organization, and our full support for the ongoing development of this longstanding organization, based on those principles and values that we all believe in, which will enable us to more effectively overcome the current and future challenges facing our region.

In conclusion, we extend our sincere congratulations and appreciation to the organization and all member states for the outstanding efforts that have been made over the past thirty years to achieve the goals and noble purposes of the Conference, hoping to achieve the aspirations of our countries and peoples for constructive cooperation in all fields, affirming our approval of this Summit's draft communiqué.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah