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Mr. Chairman,
Dear Colleagues,

On this occasion allow me to reaffirm my country's commitment in exerting all possible efforts to enhance our partnership and develop our relations in all domains to the mutual benefits of the two parties. I believe that such meetings are important pillars for constructive and valuable dialogue on all issues of common interest. Political dialogue extends mutual understanding and common interests between us, and at the same time provides an opportunity to converge positions on major international concerns. This dialogue can further enhance convergence on issues such as peace, security, human rights, democracy, governance and regional development, and on the long run can contribute to regional stability.

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to say that in the aftermath of September 11th 2001, and in the framework to deepen our cooperation to counter the new global menaces, understanding that no walls can be built between regions and that security is indivisible in the European and Mediterranean regions, a lot of efforts have been exerted to upgrade and enhance our partnership at the political and

practical levels. The frequency of our meetings has increased since then and the practicality of our goals has been developed.

I believe that expert meetings on various issues of mutual concern should be planned and carried out. This framework comes as a result of political changes on the international arena and as a result of the changes occurred within OSCE itself. Jordan indeed welcomes giving a fresh impetus to our cooperation. Jordan also acknowledges with appreciation the OSCE's eagerness to develop the scope of political and technical cooperation with the Mediterranean partners, and we welcome such a trend which looks at the dialogue as a beneficial occasion to exchange views and work together on means of cooperation to sustaining peace and security in the European and Mediterranean regions, as well as, supporting mutual understanding and building confidence within the framework of this partnership.

In this context, Jordan welcomes cooperation in the following fields:

- Countering Terrorism. Jordan is ready to submit a preliminary framework on a proposed Center for Countering Terrorism with objectives varying from conducting studies on the political and security dimensions of terrorism to holding training courses on fighting this menace and promoting regional and international cooperation in this field. We also welcome the proposal submitted by the Head of the OSCE Action against Terrorism Unit at the recent Sharm El-Sheik seminar on enhancing legal cooperation in matters concerning terrorism-related criminal acts and travel documents protection programs.

- Border Security; to mainly counter increasing number of infiltrators, including radical terrorist organizations and groups, drug trafficking, smuggling of weapons and explosives, to enhance the Middle East peace process environment, to combat paramilitary threats to Jordan and its neighbors to develop closer security cooperation between regional states (through liaison or committee).
- And on Civil Emergency Planning, to enable Jordan to come up with an effective Crisis Management mechanism to manage and control potential future crises on a professional level.

These proposals aim to further foster our relations on the way to fulfill the goals of the OSCE-Mediterranean Partnership.

Thank you