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*All praise be to Allah, peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad,
his kit and kin*

***Your Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa, President of the
Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection,***

Excellency the First Lady of Mali,

***Excellency Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic
Cooperation (OIC),***

***Excellency Director General of the Islamic, Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization (ISESCO),***

Excellencies,

Distinguished audience,

Assalamu alaikum warahmatu Allah wabarakatuh

I am glad to express at this opening of the Seventh Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers my sincere thanks and appreciation to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, may Allah assist him, for extending his patronage to this Conference, hoping that it will achieve its objectives in the fields of the environment and sustainable development.

Distinguished audience

The First Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 2002, marked the early

start of joint Islamic environmental action. This event coincided with the world's unfolding developments as interest in environmental issues at all levels started growing following the emergence of many indicators signaling the exacerbation of climate change and pollution factors and the prevalence of environmental ills due to the shortage of the necessary expertise for environmental protection. Therefore, the Islamic world has actively engaged in international efforts, through this Conference which has achieved notable successes that helped boost joint Islamic action.

As part of its support to joint Islamic environmental action, in cooperation with the OIC and ISESCO, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia presented the project of the “Award of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Environmental Management in the Islamic World” to the 6th session of this conference to enhance environmental action in the Islamic world and develop management in environmental protection. The honoring of the Award's winners today is the first fruits of its fruitfulness.

Distinguished audience

Given that environment protection from the Islamic perspective is a duty that everyone must fulfill, the entire Islamic world is therefore required to engage in the efforts of the international community in this regard. The successive outcomes

of this Conference will remain a major source for participation in the relevant international events, equipped with a coherent vision, a viable strategy and well-defined objectives reflective of the positions of the Member States regarding environmental issues and the proposed solutions to minimize pollution and ensure the protection of the environment against climate change impacts.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my thanks to Her Royal Highness Lalla Hasnaa, President of the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, for honoring this Conference with her presence. My thanks are also due to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) for its endeavors to advance the objectives of the Islamic conferences that it organizes and supervises including this Conference. I also extend my thanks to the Conference's organizers and participants, beseeching the Almighty Allah to grant us success.

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