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Kuwait

**His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may
Allah protect him**

Final Statement

**The 8th Humanitarian Conference for Effective
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Humanitarian Action**

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Initiative of "Feeding a billion Hungry around the World"

Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may Allah protect him, and in the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Fahd Mohammed Mohsen Al-Afasi, representing His Highness the Amir, the "International Islamic Charity Organization", in partnership with the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Partnerships with the Middle East and Central Asia in "Geneva" and the Forum for the Promotion of Peace in Muslim Communities in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, has organized the 8th Humanitarian Conference for Effective Partnership and Information Exchange for Better Humanitarian Action - under the slogan: One Humanity Against Hunger. The Conference has witnessed the launch of the Global Humanitarian Initiative: "Feeding Billion Hungry around the World", with the participation of many public and private sector institutions. As well as the international, regional and local humanitarian and civil society organizations on Monday, the eighteenth of Sh'aban 1440 AH, corresponding to 26th November 2018, at the "Crowne Plaza" Hotel in the State of Kuwait.

The main objective of the Conference is:

To highlight the issue of hunger as a major humanitarian cause and to raise awareness of the need to activate a shared and responsible approach towards the human partners who suffer from the effects of hunger and its dangers around the world. The Conference has sought to achieve this goal through a number of events and activities, on top of which is the Initiative of "**Feeding Billion Hungry around the World.**"

The Initiative is a first step towards building effective humanitarian partnerships between organizations working and interested in the humanitarian issue, and it aims to take responsibility for combating hunger, mitigating its effects and risks, and enhancing mechanisms and means to provide food security in communities of need. The call for the initiative has been launched from the center of the State of Kuwait, the World Center for Humanitarian Action. The Initiative extends to cover all parts of the world and to all human communities. It operates across three main areas: 1) provide one billion meals to beneficiaries in targeted communities; 2) empower beneficiaries through community development projects; and 3) strengthen

partnerships among parties interested in the humanitarian action to create a common vision and action in the framework of fight against hunger.

From that noble end and the humanitarian initiative, the Conference has focused on achieving a number of objectives as follows:

1. Set a charitable humanitarian launch that pays attention to the need to provide the basic needs of the human being as a starting point for comprehensive development in various human societies.
2. Know about the outstanding institutional experiences in the fight against hunger and the delivery of humanitarian relief to conflict and disaster areas and their role in alleviating the negative effects of hunger.
3. Consolidate the efforts of partnership between charitable and humanitarian institutions to provide the necessary support to the humanitarian initiative of feeding billion hungry around the world.

In order to achieve these objectives, a number of activities have been conducted within the framework of the main themes of the Conference, the most prominent of which are:

1. Discussion sessions that covered a number of scientific and technical topics in the context of the theme of hunger as a phenomenon, its negative effects, the efforts towards combating it, and the community development as an entry to eliminate it.
2. Presentation of innovative and creative experiences of many organizations in the field of combating hunger.
3. An exhibition for the activities of humanitarian and charitable organizations in the framework of efforts to combat hunger.
4. Launching a humanitarian initiative under the slogan "**Feeding Billion Hungry around the World**".

Over the course of an intensive day of these activities and events, worksheets and presentations presented by representatives of humanitarian and charitable organizations have been reviewed. Several innovative and qualitative experiences in the combat of hunger have been presented, while the dialogue was enriched through discussions by a number of experts and specialists. The Global Humanitarian Initiative "**Feeding Billion Hungry around the World**" has been launched. A number of recommendations aimed at strengthening the efforts to combat hunger have been made to the benefit of our human partners affected by it around the world, within the framework of active partnership between humanitarian and charitable organizations. These recommendations are as follows:

1. The need for all nations and cultures to confront the phenomenon of hunger and its dangers, starting with the major humanitarian shared principles, which represent the largest space among them, considering hunger as a primary humanitarian cause. As well as in view of the belief that all religions in their noble principles and values and the rich and diverse human doctrines urge so. With the aim of combating this exacerbating phenomenon, viewing it as a serious disease attacking the fabric of the human community and threatening its security and stability in order to achieve the slogan of the Conference: "**One Humanity against Hunger**".
2. Emphasize the importance of partnership and the exchange of information in the humanitarian work in general; and in the context of the fight against hunger and its elimination in particular. This puts organizations concerned with humanitarian affairs and that are keen to assume their societal responsibility before a necessary institutional commitment that requires the promotion of collaborative work methods, agreements and memorandums of understanding among themselves, thus contributing to the consolidation and mobilization of efforts in a manner that achieves its noble humanitarian objectives.
3. Call on humanitarian organizations, especially those working in the field of relief, to promote institutional and fieldwork in accordance with urgent, effective and productive relief mechanisms for their desired effects. As well as developing innovative and flexible mechanisms that are scalable according to the latest developments and different environments, while adhering to controls and keeping pace with international standards, ensuring the food security for those affected in conflict and disaster areas and alleviating the negative effects of hunger on them.
4. Call on all international and regional organizations and relevant actors in different regions of the world to exert all possible efforts at the societal, political, legislative, and security levels to reduce and prevent the causes of conflicts, to support efforts to resolve existing conflicts, to prevent their exacerbation and to mitigate their negative impacts on humanity.
5. Call on all relevant parties in the conflict areas to respect international humanitarian law in this regard, and to take care of the principles of global humanitarian action, on top of which is the protection of workers in the field of humanitarian relief. As well as facilitating their tasks in bringing relief to the afflicted and displaced, with the need for international organizations to follow up their responsibilities towards achieving this.

6. Promote the trend towards development projects with the most sustainable return and impact on the realities of communities, and deepening the partnership between organizations concerned with humanitarian and community responsibility in this context. With the aim of contributing to the development of communities that are vulnerable to the risk of hunger at present or in the future, believing that "Societal Development" represents the most appropriate approach to eradicate hunger in communities of need, while efforts to combat hunger, primarily feeding projects, shall not be overlooked as a primary humanitarian need.
7. Emphasize on creativity and innovation in the means of combating hunger, and investing the tremendous development in the field of technology and information, and in social media to mobilize the efforts of individuals and organizations to combat hunger as a global humanitarian issue. As well as benefiting from the experiences presented in the Conference in this regard, and working to circulate and develop them in line with the differences between human societies.
8. Deepen the utilization of the efforts of the various food banks and expanding the idea of unification between regional and global food banks, such as the "Global Food Banking Network" and the "Union of Regional Food Banks" to achieve the desired integration, rationalization of efforts, and maximization of its benefits. As food banks have proven to be one of the most effective means of combating hunger and mitigating its effects and risks by enabling those in need to access the main food on a regular basis.
9. Call on states, governments, humanitarian organizations and bodies related to humanitarian affairs worldwide to raise awareness towards the phenomenon of hunger, to encourage humanitarian initiatives in this direction. In addition to provide all material and moral support to those who are in charge of it, in particular, and on top of which the initiatives to reduce waste of food, considering extravagance and waste of food as one of the negative phenomena and behaviors that promote the aggravation of hunger and its spread.
10. Urge all organizations participating in the Conference and other organizations concerned with humanitarian action, as well as profit organizations and corporations in terms of their societal responsibility, to take part in activating the Initiative of "**Feeding Billion Hungry Around the World**" through programs and activities to combat hunger. In addition to enhancing development in communities of need, and working jointly to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.

11. Form a joint committee of humanitarian organizations to oversee the initiative of "**Feeding Billion Hungry Around the World**" and to follow up its implementation over the course of a full year, starting from the conclusion of the Conference events until the end of 2019. The Committee will receive reports from the participating organizations in the Initiative, and at the end of the year, the Committee will prepare a report on the efforts, programs and activities carried out by the participating organizations in the three areas of the Initiative, provided it should be widely circulated and disseminated.

In conclusion:

At the end of the activities of this humanitarian blessed forum, we cannot fail to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to His Highness, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait and the humanitarian leader, for his noble patronage of this Conference and his continued support for Kuwaiti and international humanitarian efforts. We also thank the Minister of Justice and Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, His Excellency Dr. **Fahd Mohammed Mohsen Al-Afasy**, the representative of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, for his attendance and opening of the events of the conference. We also thank, in particular, all the ladies and gentlemen, representatives of the governmental and private sectors, the humanitarian and civil organizations and the working committees which contributed to the success of this Conference, in planning, preparation, organization and sponsorship. We ask Allah, the Almighty, to benefit from their commendable humanitarian efforts and to achieve the desired results and outputs that contribute to the attainment of our goal: towards a world without hunger.

May Allah grant us all help and success.