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BISMILLAH AR-RAHMANI AR-RAHIM!

Your Excellency, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jássim Al Tháni, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar,

Your Excellency, Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States,

Excellencies, Distinguished Heads of Delegations and Participants to the Forum,

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh!

It is an honor to stand before this esteemed assembly, representing the Republic of Kazakhstan, a nation committed to the enduring spirit of collaboration and mutual prosperity.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the leadership of the State of Qatar and the League of Arab States for the impeccable organization of this forum in the beautiful city of Doha.

Our assembly must first recognize the pressing humanitarian concerns casting a shadow over our region, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

It is with a deep sense of solidarity that Kazakhstan advocates for an immediate and compassionate response, in line with our shared values and commitment to human dignity.

Peaceful political discourse is the foundation upon which we can build a stable economic future.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is deeply committed to supporting the people of the Gaza Strip during these trying times.

We stand in solidarity with them and are fully prepared to contribute within the framework of international efforts to alleviate their suffering.

Distinguished participants,

Recognizing that **political stability is linked to unlocking our unexplored economic potential**, we see a future where our joint efforts in fostering peace also transform into a flourishing economic partnership.

Here I want to touch upon most relevant areas of **the joint economic development**:

First, agriculture and food security are pivotal for our regions.

I would like to highlight Kazakhstan's commitment to addressing **food security issues**.

The fertile lands of Central Asia hold untapped potential that, when fully realized, can significantly contribute to the world's food basket.

My country ranks among the **top ten global producers of grain**.

This robust production capacity underscores our significant role in international food security and our ability to respond to demand of brotherly countries.

Kazakhstan also equipped to export high-quality of **fertilizers**, a critical component in boosting agricultural productivity.

We propose to extend this mission through increased cooperation between the League of Arab States and the IOFS.

By synergizing our strategies and resources, we can elevate our collective food security, share innovative agricultural practices, and ensure sustainable food systems that are resilient to global challenges.

Kazakhstan is poised to lead and support initiatives that contribute to a robust agricultural sector across our regions.

We envision collaborative research, development of sustainable farming methods, and the establishment of food reserves that ensure stability and abundance.

Together, let us harness the agricultural wealth of our lands for the prosperity and well-being of our people.

Second, as we explore our substantial agricultural potential, the enhancement of **logistical and transport connectivity** becomes pivotal.

Kazakhstan, situated at the **heart of Eurasia**, has been a pivotal junction on the **historical Silk Road**.

In this spirit, we propose to **enhance the logistics and transportation networks** that intertwine our nations.

We envision a robust **integration of the Middle Corridor and North-South Corridor**, enhancing the connectivity that is vital for trade. My country is also committed to enhancing regional connectivity and economic integration through other international routes.

Furthermore, in pursuance of the broader cooperation Kazakhstan has recently launched a pilot multimodal export route connecting the Central Asia with the Middle East through Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan to the United Arab Emirates.

We encourage to maximize the potential of this vital transport corridors, and **invite our brotherly countries to join us in this endeavor**, promising to deliver a leap in our mutual trade effectiveness and efficiency.

Third, Kazakhstan has set its sights on becoming a **hub for technology in the Eurasian region**.

Our achievements in **digital governance** are commendable, as evidenced by Kazakhstan's **28th position** in the UN's e-government development assessment.

This reflects our commitment to harnessing technology for the betterment of our society.

We propose strengthening cooperation in technology across our regions, aiming to leverage our collective expertise to accelerate digital transformation.

This includes the expansion of e-governance, the development of digital education platforms, and the sharing of best practices in cybersecurity.

In this regard, we invite Arab League countries to collaborate and leverage the facilities of the **Astana hub**, which stands as one of the most prominent technology parks in the region.

Fourth, natural and renewable energy development has a paramount importance in the future of our states.

Our forum is rich in **natural and renewable energy resources**.

Kazakhstan, having embarked on significant renewable projects and policies, is eager to share its learnings and to collaborate on regional green energy initiatives.

We invite collaboration on a **broader regional initiative focused on the energy development** to harness our collective potential and to share innovative practices for a sustainable energy future.

Hence, we encourage collaborative projects focusing on solar, wind, and hydro energy solutions, aiming to meet our countries' energy needs while mitigating the effects of climate change.

Distinguished participants,

As we look ahead, let us draw upon the rich tapestry of our shared **Islamic heritage**, which binds the nations of Central Asia, Azerbaijan, and the Arab countries.

I stand confident that our enduring bonds, shared history, and spiritual kinship will forever be a wellspring of development and comprehensive cooperation among our nations.

Together, let us embark on this journey to a future where our collective aspirations become the milestones of our progress.

Thank you for your attention!