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Final Ceremony

Speech by graduates of the 13th class of the Jordanian Institute for Women’s Leadership Program

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Your Excellency Prime Minister Dr. Omar Al Razzaz, the patron of the ceremony

Your Excellency Mr. Stefano Severe, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator a.i.

Your Excellency Mr. Andrea Matteo Fontana, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation to Jordan

Your Excellency Mr. John Davis, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa in Jordan

Your Excellency Mr. Basil Al Tarawneh, Government General Coordinator for Human Rights

Your Excellency Dr. Musa Braizat, Commissioner-General of the National Center for Human Rights

Your Excellency Dr. Lubna Bayouq, Member of the scientific council of ACHRS

Honorable Guests…..Good evening

I am pleased to stand before you in this meeting, which brings with it the concepts of development, civilization, hope, and optimism, as we are celebrating together the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Allow me first to thank my colleagues who participated in the thirteenth batch of the Jordanian Institute for Women's Leadership program implemented by Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, which gave me the honor to speak on their behalf.

I stand before you today, burdened with responsibility and duty towards the beloved homeland Jordan, which I have chosen with love and volition. I have stood on many platforms before, but today I stand a different one.

Today, I feel that I am born again through this course. I have a new and enlightened new thinking, and along with my colleagues, have surpassed the limited traditional view of things, phenomena, and processes in the world of thought, society, and nature that we live today.

Dear guests,

During the four months of the course, we have acquired valuable knowledge on the following topics: Human Rights, Citizens’ Rights, Democracy, Constitution, and the relationship among these four concepts, international standards for free and fair elections, the role of political parties, the role of the legislature, the role of philosophy in the interpretation and change of reality, the role of religion and religious opinions from the perspective of human rights, the relationship between awareness and
understanding and knowledge, and the relationship between what is logical and what is historical in the interpretation of things, we are introduced to these concepts in theory and application.

We have acquired skills such as leadership, political analysis, time management, oration, communication and effective communication, and interpretation skills of natural, social, economic, political, and other phenomena and processes, and linking them to reality and horizons of development through the use of reason and logic away from superstition, myths, and outdated beliefs. It is about us scientifically and logically.

The beginning of the training course was difficult because it was held in the morning Fridays and Saturdays, but soon we were waiting impatiently for Friday and Saturday every week. Some of us were disrupted by rain on the roads, but we were more determined to attend the fun of training and to deepen the concepts that gave us hope and belief that what is coming is better, and the change to a better future depends on our active participation as young men and women when we are armed with science, knowledge, awareness, and leadership skills, which are controlled by warm hearts and a cool minds.

And gradually we were involved in the training topics that helped us get out of many of the inherited concepts, and the superficiality of traditional thinking.

In the laboratory of this training we had the privilege of knowing many of the lecturers with expertise and scientific abilities such as: Dr. Nidham Assaf, Dr. Ibrahim Hijazin, Dr. Hashim Nassar, Dr. Tayseer Abu Odeh, Dr. Ola Kassab, researcher Riad Sobh, in addition to the administrative staff at the Center. We, the graduates of the thirteenth batch, thank them all and appreciate their efforts that helped us bear new ideas that are appropriate to the development in order to serve the development, progress, and prosperity of our dear country Jordan, where citizens enjoy dignity, freedom, equality, social justice, prevailing of law, institutional establishments, security, and peace.

Finally, I thank you at the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, congratulations to my colleagues for this graduation, and many thanks to all the speakers and attendees, and special thanks to his Excellency Prime Minister Omar Al Razzaz, the patron of this ceremony.

Thank you.