Under the Patronage of His Excellency the Prime Minister Dr. Omar Al-Razzaz

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Representing His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, patron of the ceremony.

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In the Name of Allah the Merciful the Compassionate

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished guests,

May Allah reward you with goodness and love,

First of all, I would like to convey to you the greetings of the Prime Minister and his appreciation for the hard work and efforts made to promote and protect human rights.

It is my pleasure to meet today, at the same time when the world is celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as we have set out to develop a comprehensive and integrated human rights system within the reform approach that the Jordanian State has committed to over the past decades.

This is an occasion in which we emphasize our keenness to enforce the direct and continuing directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein, who gave the subject of human rights the utmost attention and care. He directed the government to develop a comprehensive system for the protection of human rights and to consolidate freedoms, to make Jordan in the ranks of developed countries in this aspect.

A few weeks ago, the Government announced its priorities for the next two years, which constitute a first step on the path of the National Revival Project. We have committed in the document of priorities to protect public freedoms, safeguard the human rights guaranteed by the constitution, consolidate the principle of the rule of law, and promote the rights and duties of Jordanian citizens on the ground.
Through this approach, the Government also emphasizes its commitment to spread the culture of human rights in the Jordanian society by focusing on the promotion of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights and the rights of the most vulnerable groups such as women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and others.

The Cabinet has directed the Ministerial Legal Committee to study all human rights legislation, and to set priorities within a timetable for the years 2019-2020, to analyze the system of international human rights conventions, and compare them with local legal texts, to indicate the need for intervention in amendment and change, or put laws in line with the requirements of international conventions.

The aforementioned measures and follow-up are but a small part of the government's great work on the human rights system. We reaffirm our absolute concern for human rights, the protection of their interests, the promotion of their freedoms, and the preservation of their dignity, despite the challenges and difficulties. We emphasis our serious pursuit towards reform and finding solutions to the shortcomings and imbalances that occur here and there.

Finally, as part of the analysis of the human rights situation in Jordan, I would like to emphasize that the Government seeks to promote the various living, economic, social, and political aspects of citizens on the basis of a participatory dialogue approach with human rights partners in various fields and at all levels in partnership and cooperation with the civil society institutions and all actors.

Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you.