Under the Patronage of Eng. Atef Al Tarawneh, President of the House of Representatives

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the ACHRS
And the Closing of the Project, "Supporting the political dialogue between civil society and the Jordanian Parliament"

The Closing Ceremony

Speech by First Deputy of the Speaker of the House
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on behalf of the President of the Parliament and Patron of the Ceremony

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Bism Allah Alruhmin Alrahim
walsalat walsalam ealaa alnabii alearabii alhashimii al'amin
waealaa al'anbia' almursalin min qablih 'ajmaein

Excellencies and Honorable
Ladies and Gentlemen

The honorable party

Alsalam Ealaykum warahmat allah wabarakatuh,

Allow me at the beginning of my speech to extend my congratulations to the people at the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies on the occasion of their twentieth anniversary. During the last twenty years they have achieved many great outcomes that deserves praise. They have had an impact and influenced the course of human rights and freedom of opinion and expression through a number of projects, workshops and related sessions.

We are pleased that the House of Representatives is sponsoring the closing ceremony of the project (Supporting Dialogue between Civil Society and the House of Representatives). A project, funded by the United Nations Fund for Democracy, that sheds light on important human rights issues and contributed to raising the level of knowledge and understanding of the citizens participating in its sessions. Additionally, it has achieved a real partnership for civil society with the public authorities, including the legislature, to promote and materialize the human rights situation, a goal in perpetuating good governance and the rule of law. These are values that have long been affirmed by His Majesty King Abdullah II in many of his speeches and directives, which raises the important point that no one is above the law.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We look forward to a great receptiveness in the House of Representatives on the final recommendations of this project, which is the result of efforts from interactive dialogues between deputies, civil society organizations, the academic
community and university students. We look forward to the House of Representatives opening its arms to partnership with civil society institutions and welcoming proposals and recommendations that are geared towards positively furthering our national path and improving our legislation.

The honorable party,

We truly believe that the House of Representatives is the main contributor to our constitutional and legislative work. It oversees the positive engagement of the results and recommendations of civil society institutions, which they acquire through research centers. This pushes the council to interact with research centers and civil society organization.

Here I would like to emphasize that Jordan is taking continuous steps towards strengthening the human rights situation in the country. The House of Representatives has passed many reform legislations, related to public freedoms, women's' rights and people with disabilities. We are determent that the path to reform will not stop here, and that with the guidance and solidarity of His Majesty King Abdullah, we will achieve even more comprehensive development and modernization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Jordan has demonstrated faithfulness with its allies, and today, as the pressures around us is increasing, and with the announcement of the American peace plan called the Deal of the Century, we will remain united with the King in our determination for justice and legitimacy of the Palestinian rights. We also honor the Hashemite guardianship of Islamic and Christian sanctities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, stressing that there will be no end to the crises in the entire region, without a just solution to the Palestinian issue according the two-state solution. We believe the two-state solution to be the only viable solution, as any other solutions will only contribute to more conflict and tension in the region.

I wished to conclude by wishing you all best. My sincerest congratulations to the distinguished students and graduates on their efforts over the past months. Once
more we thank the people at the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, for their activities and their vital role, which show how important community institutions are in reflection upon the law and promoting human rights.

Walsalam Ealaykum warahmat allah wabarakatuh

*Note: Unofficial translation*