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**HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL-THANI,
EMIR OF THE STATE OF QATAR,
OUR ESTEEMED HOST;**

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST HONOURABLE
PERCIVAL JAMES PATTERSON, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA,
CHAIRMAN OF THE SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT;**

**HIS EXCELLENCY OLUSEGUN OBASANJO,
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA,
CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST SOUTH SUMMIT;**

**HIS EXCELLENCY CARLOS LAGE DAVILA,
VICE PRESIDENT OF CUBA,
HOST OF THE FIRST SOUTH SUMMIT;**

**HIS EXCELLENCY JEAN PING,
PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY;**

HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

**LEADERS OF DELEGATION;
EXCELLENCIES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

I AM PLEASED TO CONVEY TO THE SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT THE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. AS CHAIR OF THE MOVEMENT, AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE, AND EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE EMIR, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF QATAR, FOR HOSTING THIS IMPORTANT SUMMIT. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS ALSO FOR THE GENEROSITY AND WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO ALL OF US, INCLUDING MY DELEGATION. BUT ABOVE ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH THE GROUP OF 77 A HAPPY 41ST. BIRTHDAY. IT WAS ON THIS DAY, ON THE 15TH. OF JUNE 1964, THAT THIS GROUP CAME INTO BEING. I WONDER WHERE WE ALL WERE 41 YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE ARE GATHERED TODAY IN DOHA TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE G77, TO ENSURE ITS CONTINUING RELEVANCE AND TO ENHANCE ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

2. IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THIS SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT WOULD PROVIDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NOT ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY BUT ALSO TO ENABLE US TO ACT TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH. WE HAVE THE NUMBERS. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD HAVE THE WEIGHT AND CREDIBILITY TO VOICE OUR COMMON CONCERNS, ADVANCE OUR COMMON CAUSE AND ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOALS.

8. OUR SECOND OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT DEVELOPMENT REMAINS AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA OF INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE. THIS INCLUDES THE FULFILLMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY AGREED TARGETS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MALAYSIA HAS PROPOSED THAT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS BE GIVEN A STRONGER DEVELOPMENTAL FOCUS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO MEDICINES TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR MONITORING AID FLOWS. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS TO DISBURSE 0.7 PERCENT OF THEIR G.D.P FOR O.D.A PURPOSES.

9. OUR THIRD OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO SECURE A RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THE INHERENT ASYMMETRIES OF POWER IN THE SYSTEM. POWER IS BEING EXERTED PURELY ON THE BASIS OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH, BEREFT OF HUMANE, HUMANIST AND HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS.

10. TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES I HAVE JUST OUTLINED, IT IS ESSENTIAL, MORE THAN EVER, THAT THE NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA WORK IN CLOSE COORDINATION TO ADVANCE THE POSITIONS OF COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH. WE HAVE BEEN DISPARATE FOR FAR TOO LONG. THE CHALLENGE NOW IS TO FUSE AND FOCUS OUR ENERGIES TOWARDS OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES. IF WE DO NOT SUCCEED, LET IT NOT BE BECAUSE WE ARE DISUNITED OR FAINT HEARTED.

11. BUT, EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET US NOT TALK ABOUT NOT SUCCEEDING OR FAILING. LET US TALK ABOUT ACTION - TO ACHIEVE AND TO SUCCEED. IN THIS CONTEXT, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY ENDORSE THE TOPIC OF OUR SUMMIT'S DELIBERATIONS, NAMELY "DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES FACING THE SOUTH, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE HIGH LEVEL PLENARY MEETING OF THE 60TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY".

12. I AM CLEAR IN MY MIND THAT THE KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE FOR US IS TO BREAK THE VICIOUS CYCLE WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN POVERTY AND MARGINALIZATION, WHICH IN EFFECT HAS SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL. THE KEY TO BREAKING THE VICIOUS CYCLE IS, IN ONE WORD, INCLUSIVENESS. THERE MUST BE A GREATER PROCESS OF INCLUSIVENESS , NOT ONLY AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, BUT ALSO IN OUR OWN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

13. IN A FEW WEEKS, THE EIGHT RICHEST AND MOST ECONOMICALLY DOMINANT COUNTRIES WOULD BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL SUMMIT. THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT MANY OF THE SAME ISSUES THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. THEY MAY MAKE DECISIONS WHICH IMPACT UPON THE SEPTEMBER SUMMIT AT THE UNITED NATIONS. INDEED, THEY HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE ON WORLD AFFAIRS. ON THE CONTRARY, THE DECISIONS WE MAKE MAY NOT BE HEEDED THEM. BUT THIS TIME WE MUST CHANGE THE SITUATION. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE DECISIONS WE TAKE AT THIS SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT BE HEARD AND BE RECKONED WITH. WE MUST ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE LEADERS OF THE NORTH. WE MUST FIND COMMON GROUND WITH THEM TO ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US: ON DEVELOPMENT, ON PEACE AND SECURITY, ON THE RULE OF LAW, ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

14. INCLUSIVENESS MUST BE THE WORD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TOO. TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN SURVIVE, COMPETE AND PROSPER IN THE COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL PRODUCTIVE SECTORS OF OUR SOCIETIES, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, ARE GIVEN THE SPACE TO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. IT IS WITH THIS PURPOSE IN MIND THAT THE RECENT NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN HELD IN PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA HAD ENDORSED THE MALAYSIAN PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NAM CENTRE ON GENDER AND

BELIEVE WE CAN REACH THREE CONCLUSIONS. FIRST, IN ORDER TO EXPAND TRADE, THERE MUST BE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO DO SO AND A WILLINGNESS TO WORK AT IT. SECOND, GOVERNMENTS MUST PLAY A PROACTIVE PART NOT ONLY IN POINTING TO THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT ALSO IN PLACING THE RIGHT STRUCTURES AND INCENTIVES. THIRD, THE PRIVATE SECTOR MUST BE MORE INVOLVED AND SHOULD SERVE, IN FACT, AS THE ENGINE FOR GROWTH IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

20. THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD IS NOW UPON US. LET US SEIZE THIS MOMENT TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION. WE MUST SHOW RESOLVE TO HELP OURSELVES. ONLY THEN CAN WE EXPECT OTHERS TO HELP US. WE MUST CREATE DYNAMIC, ENDURING, PRODUCTIVE AND SMART PARTNERSHIPS AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE NEED TO ESTABLISH ECONOMICALLY STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS AMONG OURSELVES.

21. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE SUCCESS OF THIS SECOND SOUTH SUMMIT WILL DEPEND ON HOW QUICKLY AND HOW EFFECTIVELY WE IMPLEMENT OUR OWN COLLECTIVE DECISIONS. I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE DOHA DECLARATION WHICH WE WILL BE ADOPTING TOMORROW IS AN ACTION-ORIENTED AND FORWARD-LOOKING DOCUMENT. THE DOHA PLAN OF ACTION, WHICH WILL ALSO BE ADOPTED TOMORROW, WILL BE A MUCH VALUED ADDITION TO OUR COMMON STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE SET FOR OURSELVES. WHEN WE LEAVE DOHA AT THE END OF THIS CONFERENCE, WE MUST DO SO WITH OUR RESOLVE STRENGTHENED AND OUR SOLIDARITY ENHANCED. WE NEED BOTH TO TAKE WITH US TO NEW YORK THIS SEPTEMBER.

THANK YOU.