

This important plan was adopted unanimously. The significance of this unanimity arises from the fact that in addition to the Holy Koran and the tradition of Sunna, consensus within the Umma is a main source of Islamic Jurisprudence and guidance for the conduct of the individual and the community. The unanimous adoption of this plan was a clear indication of the consensus of the Muslim countries on this matter.

In addition to challenging terrorism forcefully, and denying it the means for obtaining financial support, it is also important to prevent terrorists and their supporters from establishing safe-havens in certain countries, or allowing them to use or abuse the asylum and immigration laws in others. The extremists who condone, support, incite, or legitimize terrorism should be held accountable for the criminal consequences of their message of hatred and intolerance.

People who abuse the internet and other means of communication for propaganda, recruitment, or incitement should be criminalized and punished.

Ladies and Gentlemen

We have been fighting terrorism in Saudi Arabia since the Olayya and Al-Khobar incidents in 1995 and 1996 respectively. As a result of the tragedy of 9/11, we discovered that terrorism was global in its intent, working towards fostering hate, intolerance, and anger that create misconceptions between East and West in order to cleave an unbridgeable chasm between them.

We are taking measures to uproot the source of this evil at home, but if we are to eradicate this threat totally --we find it necessary to engage the international community. We must keep in mind that terrorists are cynically exploiting legitimate

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