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## **The address of His Highness the Prime Minister at the first cabinet meeting**

**29 May 2008**

**In the Holy name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**

**I was honoured to comply with the ordinance of His Highness the Amir to assume the position of Prime Minister and it is with pleasure that I express my pride and gratitude at the confidence His Highness has placed in us. I am also pleased to convey deep respect to His Highness the Crown Prince for his support and blessings. I am delighted at our first of many meetings, to express my appreciation for your acceptance of participating in the government and undertaking this great responsibility, through cooperation and solidarity to attain our aspirations for the pursued reformatory and developmental accomplishments. Not missing the opportunity to point to the spirit of responsibility shown by members of the previous government and thanking them for their efforts and continuous cooperation in serving the country and people.**

**We are all aware that we are entering a new phase where we look forward to a bright future, although it is charged with regional developments that have internal and external effects, thus heightening the responsibilities where our first priority is to establish the State of law and institutions and maintain Kuwait as a land of peace, security, freedom, justice, democracy and a regional and global financial, commercial and cultural hub.**

**No doubt you agree with me ladies and gentlemen that we are in need of persistent and fruitful efforts to rise to this great responsibility, and to achieve this we are required to modernize and innovate.**

**Perhaps there is a pressing need for reviewing codes, legislations and procedural laws, develop and activate them to attain the qualitative leap we seek and liberate ourselves from the traditional and consuming action; by eliminating aspects of shortcomings and administrative routine, complying with the serious requirements and duties of the public service and implementing the principle of reward and punishment on all which would lead to improving occupational performance and carrying out citizens' interests simply and easily.**



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**You will agree with me that our first concern is to enhance positive values in youths, attend to their affairs and anxieties, provide them with the means of education and advanced knowledge, arm them with the culture of tolerance, dialogue and moderation, renouncing violence and fanaticism in all shapes and motives; so that the people of Kuwait remain unified in their aims, objectives and aspirations.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, if we are predestined to undertake the national responsibility in these sensitive circumstances that the region is witnessing, then we are fixed in our resolve towards handling our environment and the world. Our foreign policy will continue in its Arab and Islamic dimension and Regional and International frame work as a bridge for peace, affection and a civilized beacon for human development and welfare of mankind.**

**Doubtless, we face a number of tasks that require serious action and intensified efforts in preparing a government agenda in light of a clear strategy, and in the frame work of the comprehensive developmental plan, which we are keen for to be realistic, includes elements of implementation and good follow up and reform, aiming at tackling all issues and problems and achieving the requirements of development in all fields for the benefit, progress and prosperity of our country.**

**As mentioned previously, we are approaching a bright future guided by the teachings of Islam and our virtuous traditions , the wisdom and directives of His Highness the Amir and the support of His Highness the Crown Prince, as well as the positive and fruitful cooperation with the national assembly in facing the collective responsibility of accomplishing vital issues and projects, with the blessing and support of the people and our national media, which is versed in practicing its responsible role as a free and reliable platform for the public interest, along with maintaining the reputation of the country and its civilized status.**

**I pray to Almighty Allah to grant us success, guide and support us to fulfill the great oath and bless our country with affluence under the leadership of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince.**

**Wassalamu Alikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.**