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**Speech of His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed  
Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah on the  
occasion of the visit of the Chairman of the Senate of  
the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

**30 January 2019**

His Excellency Mr. Faisal Akef Al-Fayez,  
Chairman of the Senate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Members of the accompanying delegation,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's my pleasure to welcome our dear guest, His Excellency Mr. Faisal Akef Al-Fayez, Chairman of the Senate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and his accompanying delegation, who are visiting Kuwait at the official invitation of His Excellency Mr. Marzouq Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the National Assembly of the State of Kuwait.

Dear Guest,

Official visits between countries aim to deepen mutual relations and increase mutual interests. However, we do not count your visit as so. You are actually visiting your family and your brothers. We are bonded by kinship and we share a common history and destiny, as well as the same culture and language. Our relationship with the Jordanian people goes beyond interests and official frames. As for official bilateral relations, they are based on mutual respect and mutual understanding. Thanks to the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and

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His Majesty King Abdullah II, the relations between our two countries have reached a high and distinct level and achieved important and effective steps in serving the common strategic interests of the two countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr. Faisal Akef Al-Fayez occupies a special place in our hearts due to the position of his late father Akif Al-Fayez. We will never forget his position during the brutal occupation of Kuwait, He condemned the occupation and carried the flag of Kuwait in a demonstration he led with his supporters in order to support the Kuwaiti people. He and Akash Al-Zabin, being the most prominent leaders of the tribe of Bani Sakher, insisted to visit Saudi Arabia and meet with His Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd bin Abdulaziz, and His Highness the Amir Jaber Al-Ahmad, as well as meeting with the most prominent leaders of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, to confirm their absolute condemnation of the occupation of Kuwait, and call for its liberation and its independence. His position was noble, distinct and worthy of appreciation, because it needed a lot of courage to face the tense atmosphere created by the occupation at the time. We will never forget this position; we are loyal to those who supported us in our difficult time.

Dear Guest,

We in Kuwait appreciate the important role played by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to deal wisely and efficiently with the issues of the region, and its endeavours to enhance security and stability for its people, and confront the threat of extremism and terrorism which threatens the security and

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stability of all of us. We highlight its ability to overcome regional junctures, due to its balanced policy and its leadership wisdom. All this comes at a sensitive time where the Arab world is facing unprecedented challenges that require intensifying cooperation and coordination among Arab countries in order to overcome that stage with minimal losses. Hence, we value your visit, which is an extension of the approach of cooperation and coordination.

On this occasion, I would like to thank all the officials in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for hosting and sponsoring thousands of our Kuwaiti students, who are studying in Jordanian universities and colleges, and who get remarkable care and attention from the State.

Dear Guest,

I would like to reiterate my deepest welcome to you and to the members of your accompanying delegation. And I'd like to assure you of my pride in this visit that reflects the deep bonds of brotherhood between our two peoples, and the mutual keenness to support mutual understanding and respect. All my wishes of success.