

**Statement by H.R.H. Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al
Khalifa in the Second Asia Cooperation Dialogue
Summit**

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H.E. General (Ret.) Prayut Chan-o-cha

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand,,,,

Your Highnesses and Excellencies

Distinguished participants,,,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barokatuh,,,

I am pleased to convey to you the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, together with my best wishes that this summit will succeed in achieving the goals that are set for it, and to meet the aspirations and interests of the member countries and peoples of the continent. I wish also to express my pleasure in participating in this Asian forum, which the Kingdom of Bahrain has contributed to its establishment in 2002 based on its believe that the cooperative principles among Asian countries on which it is based aim at developing Asian knowledge-based society, and transform the Asian continent into a conglomerate which is able to contribute to and communicate with the rest of the world in order to achieve growth, development and prosperity.

I extend my thanks to His Excellency the Prime Minister of the friendly Kingdom of Thailand for the gracious hospitality and the excellent

preparations for this summit and for its efforts as a coordinator for the ACD.

I am also pleased to express appreciation to my brother His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Amir of the sisterly State of Kuwait for Kuwait efforts in hosting and organizing the first summit in 2012 and the success that ensued.

I further pleased to congratulate our brothers in the sisterly United Arab Emirates on assuming the presidency wishing them every success, and welcome the accession of the friendly Republics of Turkey and Nepal to the group.

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This summit convenes in the wake of the United Nations summit last year that adopted the Sustainable Development Goals. The achievement of these goals requires the presence of security and stability, which are the essential foundation for creating a strong and solid economy, and not to impact negatively on such efforts. The legislation of laws such as JASTA contravenes the principles of equal sovereignty of States and sovereign immunity. It is, therefore, important to cooperate to ensure the security and stability of our countries and for the establishment of a strong economy which provides support for our programmes to achieve sustainable development.

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The Asian continent, with its huge and diverse resources, deserves to play a bigger role on the international scene in all the political and economic fields. I, therefore, wish to emphasize the importance of regional cooperation between the existing economic blocs and groups, including the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, which

will positively impact on the countries and peoples of the region in the present and future.

The global economy faces occasional crises of various forms, which calls for more coordination and taking prior measures to mitigate their negative impact on our countries.

In this regard, and since we are in the second summit, I would like to emphasize the importance of building on the results of the first summit held in the sisterly State of Kuwait, and being diligent in strengthening mechanisms to monitor what has been achieved and the progress made in the inter-cooperation at all levels.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the Kingdom of Bahrain will continue to contribute effectively in order to achieve the objectives of the ACD, hoping that this meeting will achieve the aspirations of our nations and peoples for fruitful cooperation in all areas.

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