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Hello Ladies & Gentlemen,

Jordan as a country similar to any country in the world faces diverse dangers threatening lives and properties. And for that reason started to implement rules and action procedures in order to reduce the effects of such disasters. The Government's National Master Plan for Emergency and Disaster Management (2004) identifies some disasters as potential threats to Jordan: (weather emergencies, drought, flash floods and mass population migration).

And at the recent period of time terrorism threats appeared all over the world. For all the above reasons was required to establishing The Higher Council of Civil Defence. Accordance to law No. (18) for the year of 1999 AD (Civil Defence law) is to form a higher council for Civil Defence this council is formed from Minister of Interior as president, Director General of Civil Defence as Vice President. And all the Under Secretary of Ministers as Members.

The Higher Council of Civil Defence and its committees in the administration divisions undertake handling any disaster occurs in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from readiness stage to response stages till removing its consequences.

Civil Defence procedures are organized and carried out to encounter disasters by (HCCD) and its committees in the administration divisions.

Furthermore, directions from the head of (HCCD) have been issued aiming to gathering the available capabilities from all organizations, inserting them within strategic information programs, and using them when facing emergencies according to priorities and the circumstances themselves.

At the recent period of time, The National Center for Managing azmat had been implemented and will carry out duties at the beginning of the year 2009 AD.

This National Center will not substitute any National authority or organization, but it will be a partner and a coordinator for all Ministries and authorities in Jordan in facing and handling azmats and Disasters.

In Jordan there is a cooperation and coordination among International organizations and Jordan Governmental authorities in dealing with Humanitarian affairs.

We appreciate and considering what the Switzerland Government have done in dealing with Humanitarian affairs. And this First Session of the Global Platform for disaster risk reduction is one of these efforts in facing and handling Disasters all over the world.

At last, thanks for everybody for their listening and participation in this Global Platform.

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