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INVITATION AS A SPEAKER FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY FORUM 2013

I am pleased to inform YBhg. Tan Sri that the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia in collaboration with the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) and the Cordoba Foundation, United Kingdom will be conducting the Peace and Security Forum 2013 with the theme "Islam and Diplomacy – the Search for Human Security" at IDFR on 16 May 2013.

- 2. For Tan Sri's information, the aim of the Peace and Security Forum 2013 is to promote global peace, stability and security from the Islamic perspective. The State of Qatar through its Embassy here in Kuala Lumpur, the Institute of Diplomacy Qatar and the Global Movement of the Moderates Foundation (GMMF) Malaysia are partners in hosting this event.
- 3. In this regard, IDFR believes that the forum will be able to advocate universal Islamic principles which emphasize on freedom of faith, inherent human dignity and equality, tolerance and peaceful interstate relations, which greatly amplify the 'Soft Power' approach.

4. Taking into account your stature as a leading Islamic scholar, I am most honored to invite Tan Sri to participate as a speaker for the first session of the Forum as follows:

Topic : Diplomacy – The Islamic Legacy

Date : 16 May 2013 (Thursday) Time : 11.00 a.m - 12.20 p.m.

Venue : Auditorium IDFR

- 5. For your additional information, the other proposed speakers for the said Forum are Dr. Karim Crow, Principal Research Fellow IAIS, Dr. Mohd Zaidi Ismail, Director, Centre of Science and Environmental Studies and Mr. Amjad Saleem, Head of Communications and Manager of Conflict Program, Cordoba Foundation. Each panelist will be designated twenty (20) minutes for their presentation. The proposed moderator for the session is Mr. Anas Altikriti, President and Founder of the Cordoba Foundation, United Kingdom.
- 6. Attached herewith, please find the Background Paper and the Tentative Program of the Forum for your attention.

I look forward to YBhg. Tan Sri's response to the invitation at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you.

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