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The Jordanian Opposition Coalition

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The Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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RE: Jordan's regime's connection to ISIL

Dear Ms. Federica Mogherini,

On behalf of the people of Jordan, **the Jordanian Opposition Coalition (JOC)**, would like to extend our condolences to the European Commission and the friendly people of Europe for the horrifying terrorist attacks that took place in Brussels.

These terrorist attack must serve as motivation for all of us to fight terrorists and those who support them even harder. It is about time we fight terrorist and fundamentalist ideology and it is the very duty of the European Commission to advance counter-terrorism policy and push forward its work to eliminate terrorists and those who finance, support, tolerate and empower terrorists.

It was very devastating to see and hear the innocent victims of the terrorist attack, and it was heart-breaking to see your moving statement to the world media about the attacks. Nonetheless, we have to admit, we did feel very dismayed by the very presence of Jordan's king's Foreign Secretary, as we believe and have proof that Jordan's regime supports Islamists and terrorist ideologues and actors as we exhibit here:

- 1) **THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION MUST SEEK ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUNISHMENT FOR REGIMES SUPPORTING ISIL AND OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS WHILE CLAIMING TO BE FIGHTING AGAINST TERRORISTS, WITH JORDANS REGIME BEING AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE HYPOCRITES:**
 - a. The European Commission does not understand the close working relationship between the Jordanian regime and terrorist groups, ranging from ISIL to the Muslim Brotherhood.
 - b. It has become clear to world leaders and members of the media, that instead of fighting ISIL, the King has been working with them, purchasing fuel, helping to funnel money in and out of the country, and helping to export resources stolen from the people of Iraq and/or Syria.
 - c. Toyota international, at the request of the US Department of Treasury, recently confirmed that the chassis numbers found on captured ISIL vehicles came

directly from a “sales lot” of 4,500 vehicles that were sold to Jordan’s government. This raises two very important strategic questions: how did the vehicles end up in the hands of ISIL? This is followed up by this: is the King actually working with the rest of the world to stop ISIL, while actually supporting terrorism?

- d. CNN News has confirmed that the Jordanian Government is one of the top importers from ISIL.
- e. According to the International Center for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence, over 3,000 Jordanians have joined ISIL. As such, Jordan has produced the highest number (and percentage) of ISIL foreign fighters. What makes this important is that Jordan’s small population of just under 7 million, has a higher percentage of fighters with ISIL than much bigger Arab and Muslim countries who have produced barely a few hundreds. This shows that Jordan’s king is at best, unable to control the flow of ISIL fighters into Syria and Iraq or, at worst, he is allowing those to join ISIL.
- f. It is well known throughout the Islamic world that Jordan’s regime has had a close “working relationship” with the MB for decades, despite the regime’s constant claim that they are an “opposition entity”.
- g. The **JOC** would like to point out that all of the world’s major terrorist leaders, at one time or another, have been members of the **Muslim Brotherhood (MB)**, including ISIL’s leader Al-Baghdadi; Al-Qaeda’s Osama Ben Laden and his successor Ayman Zawahiri. This means that the king cannot be supportive of anti-ISIL efforts, especially when the MB’s Global Headquarters keeps a close eye on the king’s actions thanks to it being within 3 miles of the King’s Palace in Amman.
- h. Those who follow the actions of terrorists and terrorist organizations, know that Jordan’s regime has openly supported the **MB** for decades, allowing it to operate freely, including being allowed to run charitable organizations and youth movements that are used to recruit members in Jordan. This is being done despite the fact that all Arab states have banned the **MB** for 80 years. Additionally, they have been allowed to promote their messages of hate and anti-Semitism ever since Abdullah II took over in 1999 on state owned, sponsored and operated media. Additionally, to prop up support for his oppressive regime, he has allowed the **MB** to have its own private schools and universities, as well as hospitals, banks and media outlets including newspaper radio and TV stations - all while not allowing the “secular opposition” to establish their own newspapers and other media outlets.
- i. In 2008, the Jordanian government introduced a new law that retroactively banned any existing political party unless it had five hundred members and branches in five governorates (counties). Since such conditions could only be fulfilled by the **MB**, most political parties were banned and dissolved, leaving the **MB** as the strongest party in the kingdom. When the legislation was rubber stamped by the legislature, the king knew that this would happen, empowering the **MB** even further.
- j. Unlike the **MB** in Egypt and elsewhere, Jordan’s **MB** is in full financial and economic partnership with the ruling regime. In fact, Jordan’s **MB** supported the Hashemite regime in the 1970 civil war and even declared fighting against the Palestinian militias with King Hussein “a jihad.”
- k. Additionally, in November 2012, a full-scale revolution started in Jordan. At that time, hundreds of thousands of Jordanians from Palestinian refugee camps took to the street calling for the king to step down and leave the country. The **MB**

stood strong against these protesters, using their own troops to disrupt and crush the movement. What's odd about this is this: at the same time, the **MB** leadership issued a public statement in which their leader Zaki Bani Rushied said: "We have chosen to reform the regime and not to topple it." What makes this intolerable is that the money provided by this body for essentials such as food and water for refugees, is being diverted and used by the King to support his outrageous lifestyle, while the much needed projects, for some reason, are never completed.

- l. To drive the point home, the King has not hidden his close relationship and thus partnership with the **MB**. For example, in 2011 then Jordan's Minister of Political Reform, Bassam Hadadeen, told AlJazeera TV: "The Muslim Brotherhood is a part of the Hashemite regime" and strongly implied that the strength of the **MB** will crush all opposition.
 - m. This was echoed last November when former Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and current Vice President of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Marwan Mouasher, delivered a speech at the **MB's** Amman headquarters in which he said: "The **MB** has always come from the womb of the State".
 - n. Again in a 2013 interview with the Atlantic Magazine, Jordan's king described his relationship with the **MB** as follows: "there's 10 percent distrust from me, and 10 percent distrust from you, I'm sure. But we have good vibes here." That clearly means that the king trusts the **MB** at 90% despite its open agenda to "take over the White House" and "Kill every Jew hiding behind a stone or a tree".
 - o. Today, while Jordan's king imprisons and tortures seculars calling for reform, he allows the **MB** to organize anti-Israel/ anti-US protests under the protection and facilitation of the Jordanian police. This way, the king manages to use the **MB** as a scarecrow to play on American's and Israel's fear factors, claiming the Islamists would take over Jordan if he falls to the Arab Spring.
 - p. An internal **MB** memo leaked to CNN Arabic in December 2012 showed the **MB** believed its influence over the Jordanian street had diminished. Therefore, the king's claims that the **MB** could swiftly takeover once he steps down are exaggerated.
 - q. Jordan's **MB** leaders have been rallying public support for the king for the last few years amid public dismay with the king. In 2013, the **MB's** top figure, Hamza Mansour, described the king as "a man for all Jordanians," and his second in command, Salem Falahat, bragged that the **MB** had "castrated the revolution," a remark that provoked Jordanian seculars who were put down, arrested or killed. In fact, amid the sweeping opposition protests in Jordan that took place between 2011 and 2014, the only Jordanian political force supporting the monarchy openly and on record was the international terrorist organization known as the **Muslim Brotherhood** (that is because all others were outlawed or crushed, with opponents thrown in jail or symmetrically threatened into silenced).
 - r. The Hashemite regime allows the **MB** to organize anti-American and anti-Israeli protests, threaten, harm and intimidate Palestinians, while peaceful secular reformists, like the **JOC**, are outlawed or forbidden and thus clamped down on by the ruthless Jordanian riot police.
- 2) **THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION MUST OPEN CHANNELS WITH SECULAR OPPOSITION AND MOVEMENTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE REGIMES ARE FRAGILE**
- a. The **European Commission (EU)** must communicate with secular/non-**Muslim Brotherhood** political movements and opposition bodies in Middle Eastern countries. For example, in Jordan; the European Commission has not spoken to

the **JOC** despite it being the most-influential, secular pro-peace political body in the country.

- b. A year ago, Israeli politician Dany Dayan confirmed the **Israeli Intelligence Service**, the **Mossad's**, top leadership had informed him that they believe Jordan's king was its last and would never pass the throne to his son, and on addition, that Israel too was not certain about Israel's future.
- c. We believe that the king's regime is on its last leg(s), and as such, we are more concerned that the Department of State is only communicating with **MB** of Jordan, and therefore, Jordan could end up like Egypt where the **MB** hijacked the 2011 revolution, forcing the country into term oil.

Before I close, I would like to share something with you that US Presidential Candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently shared with the world:

***“Jordan’s future is unclear” and questions abound
“Wither Jordan will remain stable” in the future***

In closing, we look forward to establishing diplomatic relations with you, rolling up our sleeves and working with you towards eliminating fundamentalist and radical ideology and securing a future for your children and our children that is free from terror and fundamentalism.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- 1) The **JOC** Constitution
- 2) The **JOC** Platform
- 3) Our letter of support for S 2184 The Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015, now sitting before the US Congress
- 4) Our letter of support for S 2230 – The Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2015, now sitting before the US Congress

CC: President Obama, the CIA, MI6 and the Mossad