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Ambassador Ahmed Fathalla “The Role of Media to Combat Terrorism” The aim of the Forum is to correct some misconceived concepts by the Media concerning the phenomenon of terrorism taking into consideration the fact that the largest number of victims are innocent Arab citizens

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H.E. Ahmed Fathalla, Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations, revealed that the preparations for launching the Arab Media Forum at the UN headquarters in New York titled “The Role of Media to Combat Terrorism” to be held on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 has been successfully concluded.

The organization of such forum at the UN headquarters in New York is the first implementation of the decision adopted by the Arab Information Ministerial Council in this regard. The aim of the forum is to deliver a clear message to the World through the Media in order to address a number of misconceived concepts related to terrorism in the Arab world. He emphasized the fact that terrorism in that region is an integral part of an international phenomenon. Therefore it is imperative to join forces on international and regional levels in order to put an end to terrorism taken into the consideration that the largest number of victims are innocent Arab citizens.

Ambassador Fathalla stated that after the inauguration of the forum by himself, Ambassador Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Head of Media and Communication Sector will deliver a clear message of the Arab League, He emphasized the importance of participation of all UN main stakeholders Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Chairman of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, Ambassador Abdullah Al-Mua'alimi, Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre Advisory Board, Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaite, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee and Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate.

In concluding Ambassador Fathalla expressed the hope that the participation of all UN accredited correspondent in the Media Forum would bring a new fresh start for the international media in addressing terrorism, and the importance of New York as a first venue in a series of forums to be held in different countries in the upcoming future.