



**Opening Remarks**  
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Mr. Deputy Secretary General

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me at the outset welcome you Ambassador Vershbow, and congratulate you on your selection as NATO Deputy Secretary General, I wish you strength and success, and assure you of Jordan's commitment to further enhance our relations and partnership.

Let me also commend the efforts made to make this event possible, and to thank the Institute of Diplomacy, and NATO Political and Security Affairs division, for the excellent organization of this seminar.

Ladies and Gentlemen

It's more than twenty two years since the fall of Berlin wall that marked the end of the cold war, and raised the hopes for a better, safe and secure future for our peoples.

The same years, unfortunately, witnessed the scourge of unprecedented waves of aggression, destruction and terrorism that swept the whole world including the Middle East.

How safe is our region? And how secure is our world? Are questions remain to be answered, every time we wake up in the morning, and every time we watch the news.

The challenges we are facing are immense, and the need to join our forces and efforts has never been more urgent.

The war on terrorism, and the recent missions lead by NATO in Bosnia, Afghanistan and Libya, are just examples of such efforts, and of the international resolve to face those challenges.

It is clear for all of us today, that the enemies are well defined, by the fact that they are all standing on the opposite side to human dignity, freedom, and prosperity. And that the world has no choice but to unite in this struggle, so as to provide better future for the coming generations.

The fact that Warsaw pact members are now NATO members and partners, is a testimony of this resolve, and of the international will to work together.

We are glad that Jordan's partnership with NATO is based on this understanding, and that through the recent years, cooperation and mutual relations were growing and progressing, thanks to the vision and leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II, and to his relentless efforts towards regional and global security.

The exchange of expertise, and capacity building in different areas of common interests for both Jordan and NATO, as well as cooperation in the fields of demining and dismantling of ammunitions and remnants of war, paved the way for an enhanced relation and partnership, of which we are proud.

Today's seminar, which is a fruit of the "*Individual Cooperation Program*" agreed between NATO and Jordan in 2009, will provide an opportunity to expose the new role of NATO in the new century, and the new bonds of cooperation and partnership that mark the relations between NATO and its partners.

And I hope that it will also provide the chance for discussion and debate with Jordan's public on this role, and on the challenges we are facing together.

I wish this seminar all the success, and for your discussion a fruitful conclusions.