

## **UNCTAD World Investment Forum 2010, Xiamen**

**Speaking points for the intervention by**

**H.E.Mr. Abdullah Al- Muftah  
Ambassador of the state of Qatar to China**

**Secretary-General of UNCTAD,  
Excellencies, Distinguished Participants,**

**I am honoured, on behalf of H.E Sheikh Jassim bin AbdulAziz bin Jassim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Minister of Business and Trade in the State of Qatar, to be here at this important forum, and for this opportunity to speak on a subject that is at the heart of our mission and vision: International Investment Promotion.**

**I would like first, to thank UNCTAD for organizing such an important event. Our thanks also extended to the people and the local government of this beautiful city of Xiamen and the government of China for the warm hospitality extended to us since we arrived here.**

**Since the global economic crisis, world trade has unfortunately not recovered from its difficult situation. Under such circumstances, it is essential for us all to intensify our efforts to strengthen international cooperation in the interest of promoting international investment. International investment is vital for economic recovery and for long-term development and structural change. We are of the view that international investment and economic growth are two wheels of the same cart, which are essential for sustainable development.**

**In this regard, the State of Qatar recognizes the significance of the *World Investment Forum* and sees it as a global platform for dialogue in the area of investment for development. The World Investment Forum 2010 in Xiamen, which has witnessed the extraordinary participation of so many high-level officials and private sector representatives, has reconfirmed the importance of the Forum that saw the light in Accra, Ghana, in 2008. The Government of Qatar therefore commends once more UNCTAD for leading the organization of such an important initiative.**

**Secretary-General of UNCTAD,  
Excellencies, Distinguished Participants,**

**I am honoured, on behalf of H.E. Sheikh Jassim bin AbdulAziz bin Jassim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Minister of Business and Trade in the State of Qatar to invite the World Investment Forum 2012 to take place in Doha, the capital of the State of Qatar, in conjunction with UNCTAD XIII and we look forward to welcoming all stakeholders of the investment community to the World Investment Forum 2012.**

**In conclusion, I extend again my thanks to the government of China for its generous hospitality of this successful forum, which shall undoubtedly contribute to the cause of the sustainable development.**

**Thank you.**