

Remarks

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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful. We seek the aid from Him. And peace and blessings be on the Prophet who came with justice and ruled accordingly, and on his family and companions.

Gentlemen, it gives me pleasure at this meeting to extend my sincere thanks to his Excellency brother judge, Agha Rafiq Ahmed Khan, Chief Justice of Federal Shariat Court for providing me the opportunity to attend your this conference in this good country. And our hanks go to the leadership, govt. and people of Islamic republic of Pakistan for their good reception and hospitality.

Let me to note here the intensity of national and international interest on the issue of environment, as a result of the danger that threatens the living organisms. And the environmental pollution despite being a universal phenomenon of old has not been raised until the industrial revolution and modern technology and the high population density, which required a response to this dangerous phenomenon through sensitivity which threatens the future of the human and continuation of the life.

Thus, several international and regional meetings held for this purpose, the most important was international initiative of Stockholm in 1972 which approved the principle of the human right to live life in a healthy environment, and the Reo conference of Brazil in 1992 which focused on sustainable development. The meeting focused on climatic changes and the phenomenon of pollution.

In the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordon, the subject of forming a healthy environment has become the most important goals attached to His majesty King Abdullah – The second – Bin Al-Hussain. It has received from him the special attention.

Our country was among the first to adopt programs pertaining to the field of environment. This is evident by the Jordanian government's adoption of strategies for action in the field of environment and prevention of its risks.

Thus, a special ministry of environment and mineral resources has been created and the legislation made to end the environmental pollution and the abuse of its components such as forestry, and to prevent overfishing on land and sea resources, and reduce the risk of blowing dust and fumes from laboratories and factories and not to the temptation to spray the pesticides and chemical fertilizers. In the area of water and what we suffer from scarcity of sources, the govt. supported water projects like harvesting water, and follow up the results of Davos conference which was held in Jordan in the area of Dead Sea, recommended the support for a line from Red Sea to Dead Sea called (Al-Bahrain Canal),

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considering this area the lowest point in the world, thus achieving the ecological balance in that area.

In this context, I would like to point out to the role of judiciary, as the competent authority in dispute resolution, is binding in accordance with the existing laws to be decisive and firm with speed and power required in dealing with all the irregularities that affect the integrity, because of its relevance with the human rights, a human who has right to live in a clean, healthy environment free of pollutants.

In the end, I wish success for your conference, and achievement of the desired objectives for the good of mankind.