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Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished audience

At the outset, I would like to greet you with the greeting of Islam

May the peace, blessings, and mercy of God be upon you

Talking about promoting peaceful coexistence and tolerance and rejecting hatred, violence and intolerance has become necessary to settle relations at the national and international levels, and it is a human principle that everyone aspires to achieve.

The importance of coexistence and tolerance comes from the fact that they represent the main factors for achieving security, stability and development in any society because there is a close relationship between coexistence and tolerance as a culture and security as a goal. .

And tolerance, and one of the most important manifestations of stability, is the acceptance of each other by members of society, regardless of their ethnic and religious differences, so that we have a multi-tolerant and open society in which the rate of hatred, intolerance and extremism decreases.

The concept of peaceful coexistence has become one of the pivotal concepts aimed at properly managing diversity in human societies, and it must be transformed into a driving force to enhance security and establish peace in a way that contributes to achieving progress and prosperity, as the alternative to coexistence is exclusion, hatred, fanaticism, violence, conflict and terrorism And chaos and the consequent catastrophic effects on human societies.

And in order to be able to promote peaceful coexistence, we must undertake the most important obstacles that represent a major obstacle in the way of achieving it, and among these obstacles is the digital media. It is abhorrent, and there are those who spread poisons to fuel the conflict by raising many issues calling for intolerance, and perhaps incitement and killing, until it has become a powerful sword against peaceful coexistence.

It is well known that digital media is social media - blogging - virtual reality, etc....

And it is the media that relies on digital technologies in broadcasting and spreading until it became dominant in the media arena, as many local, regional and international newspapers were converted from paper newspapers to electronic newspapers, in addition to adopting television stations and radio stations - more than ever. - On digital media, as

well as the spread of social networking sites on a large scale that no media outlet has ever reached before.

Hence, we see the importance of turning to digital media, which could be the most influential means, because it is a vital means of transmitting information and opinions that transcend geographical borders and a platform of great importance for educating individuals and shaping the electronic collective mind.

However, digital media is a double-edged sword, because although it provides the opportunity to promote a culture of coexistence and tolerance, it calls for many challenges that may hinder the process of activating and consolidating a culture of tolerance and coexistence.

Digital media and its platforms work to provide opportunities that contribute to the promotion of coexistence and tolerance, including the rejection of hatred, intolerance, religious extremism, violence and terrorism, the exchange of diverse cultures, the dissemination of the culture of difference and diversity, and the presentation of other peoples' cultures and experiences in tolerance and Peaceful coexistence because it represents a platform for communication between people and a means of tolerance and the normalization of holidays, occasions, customs and traditions between them.

One of the challenges facing peaceful coexistence and tolerance is the intellectual currents that exploit these platforms to stir up conflicts, intolerance and hatred, so that any interdependent society is dismantled. The reason is that what is transmitted by these groups through digital media is available to everyone, the conscious and the unconscious, the educated and the non-educated. For the intellectually immunized and the intellectually unimmunized.

And it is possible that the digital media is used by those who fight the values of coexistence and tolerance from extremist groups to spread hatred and violence through incendiary rhetoric that stirs unrest between different individuals and societies.

There is no doubt that digital media has contributed greatly to the globalization of extremism and the escalation of the activities of extremist groups and terrorist organizations, and in the recent period it has been closely linked to digital media, as these groups succeeded in exploiting this medium effectively in recruitment and propaganda for their ideologies and it was an important source It feeds on congestion, intolerance and hatred.

This undoubtedly influenced the concept of national security of states, as virtual social relations made the public space of some states lawless in which disputes and conflicts arose to the extent that it was difficult to maintain the strength of social capital in many moments of those states.

In order to maintain coexistence and tolerance in the light of digital media and to confront the challenges posed by this media, we strive to:

1. Spreading the culture of coexistence and tolerance in digital media platforms from religious, educational and educational institutions, and establishing initiatives and events that advocate them.
2. Preserving the unity and cohesion of societies and preserving the national identity in light of the challenges of digital media
3. Instilling a culture of presenting the public interest over personal interests through the media and the relevant authorities
4. Educating community members on the importance of seeking information from official sources to avoid misinformation and fabricated news.