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- Given the qualitative importance of the conference and in light of the ideas presented, the participants of the conference have called on the *Al-Quds center for Political Studies* to document the proceedings and deliberation of the conference in a book. This book is to be printed and distributed to the participants, and to other interested and relevant sides.
- Participants have agreed to continue cooperation and to set up a network that includes intellectuals and activists from all over the Islamic World with the purpose to develop a "civilized, democratic, and Islamic discourse". The participants have recommended the *Al-Quds center for Political Studies* to coordinate this network in its initial stages.
- For the purpose of coordinating efforts, institutionalizing the continuity of cooperation, and exchanging experience, the participants have suggested putting forward a sketch to spot the spread of personalities and Islamic trends and forces which adopt a reformist, national, democratic, and civilized discourse. They also emphasized the need to commission a team of researchers to search for books, studies, and institutions that heed attention particularly to the democratic and reformist Islamic current. This is meant to complement efforts and to avert duplication.
- Participants suggested the formation of delegations among themselves so as to conduct a dialogue with and to contact Islamic movements in the Islamic and Arab worlds. These delegations will acquaint these Islamic movements with the results of the conference in order to involve them in contributing to a formulation the joint vision of the participants in the conference in Amman.
- Participants called for arranging ongoing dialogues between senior officials and Arab and Islamic governments on the one hand with representatives of Islamic movements on the other hand. This is to discuss what demands and requirements that each should fulfill so as to push through reform and democratic change in our Islamic societies and countries.
- Participants agreed to put forward an agenda for a series of future meetings and conferences that will discuss specific issues at the top priorities of their societies and political movement, *inter alia* Islamic movements. Each issue should be given enough time for discussion and deliberation.
- Participants proposed to convene another conference to discuss the "Islamic Constitution". This constitution should incorporate democratic values and principles, human rights, pluralism, individual's rights and duties, rights of minorities, and women participation. This should lead to the inclusion of these values in Islamic and Arab constitutions and legislations.
- Participants suggested paying special attention to the issue of women in terms of empowerment and participation. Within this context, the participants have agreed to call on scholars and researchers to intensify their efforts to deconstruct the stereotypical image of women in our society and to enable women to have their own rights and participation in public life in all of its aspects.