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TRÈS HONORABLE STEPHEN HARPER (Canadian Prime Minister): Well, thank you, Your Majesty. (Inaudible section, off microphone.)

Retourner votre visite historique en 2007 qui a été vraiment le commencement de notre accord de libre-échange. Et maintenant nous avons une relation de commerce, de sécurité et de développement qui est une des plus importantes dans cette région.

As I said, Your Majesty, I'll always remember with great fondness your visit to Canada in 2007. You were one of the first international leaders to visit me after I became Prime Minister and it was really in fairness at your initiative, your vision that got us working on a trade agreement that has now been realized and implemented and that we're now... is now the basis of important discussions between our business communities to move forward.

We view the Kingdom of Jordan as certainly one of our most important partners on all levels, in terms of commerce, in terms of development and in terms of security in this part of the world. So we've had some great discussions this morning, you and I. I look forward to having them with our wider

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teams here and moving forward on a number of important projects. We have great challenges before us, but I think we have a great will to tackle them together and a great shared understanding on what needs to be done.

So thank you for your hospitality and I look forward to the next couple of days.

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