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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Srgjan Kerim,
President of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly,
at the Closing of the Thematic Debate on Human security**

Your Royal Highness Prince El-Hassan,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today's discussion articulated clearly that human security can be a useful vehicle for all three pillars upon which the United Nations is built – security, development and human rights. As such it forms a framework to further the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

As highlighted by many of you today, human security is about integrated responses that recognize the interdependencies and the interlinkages among the challenges faced by all of us in the international community.

Human security is importantly oriented at preventing threats to well-being of human beings. In this regard three aspects were underlined: promoting a balanced development, helping people in conflict and post-conflict situations and thus preventing recurrence of the conflict, and applying the international law to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. Special attention should be granted to the rights of women and to the fight against gender-based violence.

Human security is about international, national and individual efforts that build on local capacities and empower people to fend for themselves in ways that are collaborative, responsive and sustainable.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, I would like to thank the keynote speaker H.R.H. Prince El-Hassan for his valuable contribution to the thematic debate. I also thank all Member States for their insightful contribution to this milestone thematic debate on human security and I call upon all to use the momentum behind human security to make our common efforts toward achieving the MDGs, promotion of human rights and security more efficient.

Thank you.