



SESAME

Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East

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### Statement by H.E. Mr Mujtaba Ferdousi Pour Head of the Iranian Delegation



Your Highness,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Members of the SESAME Council,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

After many years of hard efforts and international cooperation, finally the dream of the first synchrotron light source in the Middle East becomes true. The Synchrotron-light for Experimental Science and Applications in the Middle East (SESAME) is now inaugurated in Jordan. This is the most important scientific project in the region that certainly boosts the research activities in, and between, the member countries, as well as bringing together scientists of the region to collaborate in scientific achievements. Today is a great moment for science and technology in the region. SESAME will certainly open up important opportunities for Iran's rapidly growing community of excellent scientists. It opens a door to international cooperation with leading-edge science. It is a promising channel for the large number of students educated in Iran that can use its equipment and facilities in the future for their own research and further education.

As the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and on behalf of the Iranian scientists and engineers, I invite with you to work with us to share our scientific achievements and to promote science in the Middle East.

Since the early beginning, the Islamic Republic of Iran fully supported the initiative of the project and actively participated in providing technical and scientific staff, as well as financial support. Despite the assassination of two Iranian scientists, Dr Alimohamadi, and Dr Shahriari, who represented Iran in the SESAME Council, the Islamic Republic of Iran never stopped supporting the project. We believe SESAME is a ground for international scientific cooperation in the region and improving relationships with our neighbours. Iran is proud to be a Member of SESAME and is committed to continue its full support to the project.

Thank you for your attention.