

Speech of Hojatoleslam Valmoslemin Aboutorabi, vice-speaker of the Islamic Legislative Assembly

Greetings to honorable ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, honorable chiefs of civil status registration organizations of the Islamic Conference member countries, honorable ambassadors present in the meeting, dear colleagues, honorable vice-minister of foreign affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the honorable governor general of Tehran. I would like to extend my best appreciation to my dear brother, Mr. Nazemi Ardekani, honorable head of Civil Status Registration Organization and his esteemed colleagues for arranging this great event of the First Conference of Civil Status Registration Organization Heads of Islamic Conference Member countries. I would like to extend my best wishes for the Moslem community and the surpassed people around the world. As my esteemed brother, Mr. Qashqavi noted, in today world, increase in the registry of integration and collaboration of friend governments and nations plays an important and key role in synergy of capabilities of governments and nations and providing ground for their movement towards having great ideas. The Moslem community, based on the valuable cultural and excellent values emerging from Islamic teachings could move forward fast enough to stand on top of this approach. We are more than honored of being committed to our holy book that has called the mission of its followers to hold on to the firm rope of monotheism with Quran as its symbol and the icon of religion. This blessed gift of God contains a definite order and a serious prohibition. First, the Moslem Community (Ommat) has the mission to visualize the teachings of Quran in its personal, family, social, political and economic conducts to reach the prosperity of this world and save for the afterlife. Along this important and prosperity brining command, there is another task assigned to the Ommat and that is, to stay together and hand in hand, *and hold onto the rope of Allaah altogether and do not be divided*. In this blessed verse the word “together” has been emphasized. All believers should hold unto the firm rope of Quran; a serious negation aims at us along this order; never fall in the hand of dispersion and division. In the formation of trans-national and trans-borders, we should say the last word in strengthening the cultural, economic, social and managerial ties. This is the clear message of Holy Quran, why are we divided? Why don't we stand shoulder to shoulder as our Holy Quran expects us to do? Where is the root of this political problem we face in present time? Holy Quran has mentioned the root. God, the Almighty teaches us that the root of division and divergence is in the rebels against truth and greed; it is rooted in ignoring knowledge and science. The root of division and divergence is deserting the rope of science and relying on the shaky superpowers. If the destiny of the nation of Islam is written by the oppressing system, that system will only think of its own best interests and the best interests of the cruel ruling system that dominated the world is to keep Moslem nations and the whole nations of the world apart, divided and separated.

West- America even does not tolerate European Union. I believe America is thinking about a future in which a separated Europe is left behind. In its thought system, Europe, Asia and Africa should not stand together. If the Ommat of Islam stays close to each other, they will surely safeguard their resources. The knowledge and understanding of National interests does call us to unity, integrity and holding on to the firm rope of science. Holy Quran is the icon of knowledge. My noble guests, holding on to Quran is to hold on to this blessed gift of God. If we hold on to Quran, we will have knowledge as our guide and if knowledge and science becomes the core of our political, cultural, economic and social decision making, we will definitely reach the unity. On the other hand, if greed, unreasonable dreams, picturing each other as aliens and not being content to the legitimate rights become the items of our agenda; we will certainly suffer from division and separation. Meetings or conferences like this pave ways to share our valuable experiences. With no doubt, electronic government is a future that we should aim our movements towards it and with no doubt, the password in this system is the national intelligent card. This is a path that the Civil Status Registration Organization has already taken long steps in it and this valuable experience of the Islamic Republic of Iran could be used by other Islamic nations and governments. We, on the other hand, could benefit from the precious experiences of our noble brothers and sisters in the Islamic countries. We should employ all our scientific political, cultural, economic and managerial capacities to improve the power and strength of the Ommat of Islam. As a small member of the great society of Islamic Iran and as vice-speaker of Islamic Legislative Assembly, the Advisor to the Grand Leader of the Revolution in the council of Disputes Settlement and Arranging the Relationship of the three forces, I would like to say to our dear guests that, Islamic Republic of Iran, before any ideas or ideals, thinks on unity and synergy, improving the interaction and communication of Moslem governments and nations. If we are seeking knowledge and science, if we think about reaching the peaks of science in modern sciences areas, it is because of being able to use our scientific capacities for the advance movement of Moslem community. Dear guests, we see strong Islamic Iran in the framework of Moslem Community (Ommat). We believe that if the Moslem community does not achieve the scientific, political, economic, defense and security authorization, Islamic Iran will not be placed in the state which is worthy of this country. We believe that helping the world of Islam is our task and we stand close to the Moslem nations in Horn of Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia and all parts of the world of Islam. I hope by inspiration from teachings of Holy Quran and the glorified guidelines of the grand Leader of Islamic revolution, the banner of unity of Islam Ommat in confronting global oppression and the domination seeking system of America, we would be able to increase our power and strength and stand together, hold on to the holy Quran with firm connection to the sacred house of Mohammad, by respecting and receiving knowledge and wisdom of the apostles of prophet Muhammad, move in the path of unity and integrity of Moslem Community and definitely; these meetings, dialogues

and interactions of viewpoints would pave our way towards a bright future. You must believe that future belongs to the world of Islam, a religion based on science, morality and respecting the dignity of man across the world.