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Dear Friends,

To the mayors gathered today at the Dead Sea, to Friends of the Earth Middle East for organizing this conference, to all the participants, and to the Miller Center at the University of Miami for their assistance—thank you.

The Jordan River has provided water that helped sustain life over thousands of years. Tragically, the River and its surrounding valley are now in danger. Your goal here at this conference is noble: to salvage and rejuvenate the Jordan River Valley.

I commend your commitment to regional cooperation between Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian partners. If joint projects can restore something as historically important as the Jordan River, imagine what else might be possible?

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity pledges its support for this initiative and others with similar goals. With hope and dedication, we might all contribute to a healthy, peaceful, prosperous Middle East.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,

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Elie Wiesel