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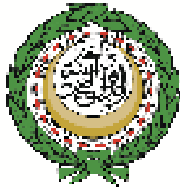
**The Final Communiqué of
the Consultative Meeting of the Council of the League of Arab States convened
at Ministerial level
New York, 23/09/2019**

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The Council of the League of Arab States at Ministerial Level convened its consultative meeting on Monday 23rd September 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, headed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq and chairman of the current session of the Council, HE Mohamed Ali Alhakim, with the participation of their excellencies ministers of foreign affairs, and the Arab League Secretary-General, HE Mr. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit.

The ministers discussed the latest developments of the situations in the Arab region, and its related meetings and consultations held during the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in light of the Arab League Council communiqués and resolutions adopted by the Ordinary Session of Tunisia Summit and the Extraordinary Session of Mekkah, in addition to the latest resolutions adopted by the Arab League Council at ministerial level in its last meeting convened on 10th September 2019 in Cairo.

Regarding the Palestinian Question, the Arab League Council discussed the latest developments from its various aspects. After being briefed by HE Foreign Minister of the State of Palestine, the Council emphasizes the importance of implementing the recent resolutions adopted by the Arab League Council and the Ministerial Communiqué by the Extraordinary Session of the Council, all aiming to address illegal statements of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in international forums on annexing parts of the West Bank and shores of the Dead Sea, in case he won the elections. The Council also stresses the need to intensify the efforts to renew the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), by an overwhelming majority for the next three years, affirming the need to decrease the 120 million dollar financial deficit. The Council calls for addressing the Israeli settlement schemes in Jerusalem, particularly following U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Calling, in this context, for the implementation of relevant UN resolutions, including Resolution 2334. The Council emphasizes, in this context, the importance of putting an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem, on the basis of the two-State solution and according to the international terms of reference including international law and the Arab Peace Initiative. In addition to mobilizing international support and endorsement for the resolutions on the Palestinian Question in the General Assembly, aiming at the establishment of an independent sovereign Palestinian State on the borders of 4th June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

In light of the terrorist attacks against the Arab Gulf region, especially the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which constitute a serious threat to regional peace, the

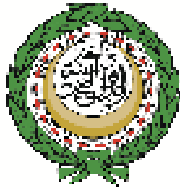


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Council condemned, in the strongest terms, the recent terrorist destructive attacks targeting Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq and Khurais oil facilities, which are considered a serious threat not only to regional security, but also to international security and world energy supplies. The Council expressed its solidarity with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia against all that affects its security and stability, and expressed its support to all measures taken by the Kingdom to strengthen security and stability and counter any aggression. The Council affirmed its condemnation of the attacks on oil tankers and commercial vessels in the Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, including the attack on two Saudi oil tankers, a Norwegian oil tanker and an Emirate shipping vessel in the territorial waters of the United Arab Emirates on 12th May 2019, in addition to the attack on two oil tankers in the Gulf of Oman on 13th June 2019, and termed these as criminal acts threatening the security and safety of international maritime traffic in Arabian Gulf states. The Council reiterated its call embedded in Resolution 8412 on 10th September 2019 on the Security Council to bear its responsibilities in ensuring the freedom of navigation, and its security, safety and stability in the region; and taking firm actions against activities or attempts aiming at threatening navigation safety in the region. The Council emphasizes, in the same context, the importance of establishing cooperation between the Arab States and the Islamic Republic of Iran based on the principle of good neighborliness and the refrain from the use of threat or force, and avoidance of escalation in addition to maintaining collective action to defuse the crisis in the Arabian Gulf.

The Council reiterates its condemnation of Iran's interference in the internal affairs of the Arab States, as reflected in Resolution 8418 adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at Ministerial Level on 10th September 2019.

As part of the ongoing preparations for the First Conference on the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, the Council welcomed the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan assumption of the presidency of the conference to be held in November 2019, in implementation of the United Nations General Assembly Decision 546/73, emphasizing that full disposition of nuclear weapons and the development of effective mechanisms of assurance, constitute an essential foundation for the security and stability of the Middle East region, and the promotion of international peace and security, noting that positive involvement of Middle Eastern countries is the cornerstone to the achieving the aspirations of the people of the region for peace and security. In this context, the Council urged all concerned States, including the NPT three depositary states, in addition to Israel and Iran to participate effectively and positively in this conference, in implementation of the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, emphasizing the importance of the League of Arab States participation in this conference. The Council calls upon the UN Secretary-General to submit a report to the 2020 Review Conference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that includes the outcome of the first conference on the establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and all other Weapons of Mass Destruction, and called on the Review Conference to support the zone free conference and to emphasize the responsibility of the NPT



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depository States and regional parties to participate in ensuring the success of the zone free conference and to effectively establish this zone.

At the end of the meeting, the Council welcomed the draft agenda of the unofficial consultative meeting between the Security Council and the Council of the League of Arab States at permanent delegates' level on the item of cooperation between the Security Council and the Arab League, proposed by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait - the Arab Member the Security Council - in coordination with the Arab League Secretariat General, in implementation of the Arab League Council resolution. The Council also reaffirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation between the League of Arab States and the Security Council, in implementation of relevant ministerial resolutions and the presidential communiqué adopted by the Security Council under the presidency of the State of Kuwait on 13th June 2019, in furtherance of the principle of cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States, praising Kuwait's efforts during its membership of the Security Council, and wishing the Tunisian Republic success in its membership of the Council for the coming period 2020-2021.