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## Communiqué by the Fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of the follow-up on the Turkish Interference in the Arab States' Internal Affairs 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of the follow-up on the Turkish interference in the internal Affairs of Arab states, which is comprised of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Chair of the Committee), the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and His Excellency the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, convened its Fifth Meeting on the sidelines of the 158<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of the Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Secretariat General headquarters.

The Committee discussed Turkey's interference in the Arab states' internal affairs and reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the Secretariat in this regard, in addition to Resolution 8454 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States on 12th October 2019 concerning the Turkey's Aggression against Syria, Resolution 8542 on 9th September 2020 concerning Turkey's Forces Violation of Iraq's Sovereignty, as well as resolutions adopted at the Ministerial Level, particularly Resolution 8518 by the Ordinary Session on 4th March 2020, Resolution 8543 by the 154th Ordinary Session on 9th September 2020, Resolution 8614 by the 155th Ordinary Session on 3th March 2021 and Resolution 8680 by the 156th Ordinary Session on 9th September 2021 concerning Turkey's interference in the Arab states' internal affairs" and Communiqués of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States in this regard.

The Committee emphasized previous resolutions adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States concerning Turkey's interference in the Arab states' internal affairs.

The Committee expressed its concern over the Turkish military presence in a number of Arab States and over forms of Turkey's interference in the internal affairs of Arab States and the repeated Turkish violations of Security Council resolutions related to the imposition of an arms embargo on Libya.

The Committee emphasized the illegitimacy of Turkey's military presence in the Republic of Iraq, the State of Libya and the Syrian Arab Republic and the need to unconditionally withdraw its forces thereof. The Committee stressed the importance of Turkey's Government cooperation to take all the necessary and appropriate measures to

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confront supporting, recruitment, training and transfer of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries to Arab States.

The Committee denounced Turkey's attempts to change the demographic composition in some Arab areas under its occupation, such as northeastern Syria, and the continuous violations of the sovereignty of some Arab States.

The Committee also urged Turkey's Government to respect the water rights of the Republic of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic, and to halt the construction of dams on Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which have adversely affected the allocation of water to the two Arab States, and resulted in significant economic and environmental damage to both countries.

The Committee took note of the developments of relations between the Republic of Turkey and a number of Arab States, and is looking forward to more constructive developments in a way that serves both sides' interests.

It was agreed that the Committee will convene its upcoming meeting on the sideline of the 159<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level, to be chaired by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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