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**Communiqué by the  
Extraordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Level of  
Permanent Representatives  
on  
Provisional Measures ordered by the International Court of Justice in the  
Genocide Case  
on January 26, 2024**

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The Council of the League of Arab States convened an extraordinary session at the level of Permanent Representatives, chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco, on Sunday, January 28, 2024, regarding upholding an Arab position on the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice on Friday, January 26, 2024, in the case brought by the Republic of South Africa against Israel, the occupying Power, concerning the latter's violations of its obligations under the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, *and having been briefed by the Presidency, the Secretariat General and Member States,*

**THE COUNCIL,**

- 1- *Commends* the conclusion by the International Court of Justice that it has *prima facie* jurisdiction to entertain the case brought by the Republic of South Africa against Israel, the occupying Power, concerning the latter's violations of its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; and *welcomes* the Court's rejection of the request by Israel, the occupying Power, that the case be removed from the General List of cases brought before the Court;

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- 2- *Highlights* the conclusion by the International Court of Justice that the Palestinian people are protected under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- 3- *Welcomes* the six provisional measures indicated by the International Court of Justice, binding Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with them in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, which included:
  - A. Preventing the commission of acts of killing against Palestinians; causing serious bodily or mental harm to them; deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction in whole or in part; and imposing measures intended to prevent births;
  - B. Preventing the Israeli occupation military from committing any acts described in the paragraph above;
  - C. Preventing and punishing the direct and public incitement to commit genocide against the Palestinian people;
  - D. Taking immediate and effective measures to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to address the adverse conditions of life faced by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip;
  - E. Taking effective measures to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of evidence related to allegations of acts of genocide;
  - F. Submitting a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to this Order within one month as from the date of this Order.
- 4- *Commends* the diplomatic and legal efforts that the Republic of South Africa has undertaken, including its filing of application instituting proceedings against Israel before the International Court of Justice for committing the crime of genocide, and the Republic of South Africa's referral of the situation in Palestine to the International Criminal Court; *and urges* peace-loving nations that adhere to international law to join these legal efforts and initiatives;
- 5- *Calls on* all States and international and regional organizations, including the Security Council, to take action and impose sanctions that oblige Israel, the

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occupying Power, to comply with all provisional measures indicated in the International Court of Justice's Order, and to immediately stop its aggression and crimes against the Palestinian people, in compliance with the Court's order; *welcomes* the initiative of Algeria, the Arab member of the Security Council, to request to hold a Security Council session to take the appropriate measures to oblige Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with the International Court of Justice's Order; *and appreciates*, in this context, that the Secretary-General of the United Nations has transmitted the notice of the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice on January 26, 2024 to the Security Council;

- 6- *Warns that* any State or party that supports Israel, the occupying Power, in committing crimes against the Palestinian people, whether through the participation of its own citizens in the Israeli military aggression, or through providing or exporting weapons and ammunition, or through complicity in forced displacement, will be held accountable before the International Court of Justice and all other international justice mechanisms;
- 7- *Condemns* the statements of the Israeli occupation Prime Minister following the Court's Order and his insistence on the misleading and false characterization of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, citing self-defense as a justification for the continuation of these crimes; *and emphasizes that* the reality on the ground in Gaza since the Court's Order affirms that there is no change in Israel's aggressive policies, as it continues to target civilians and prevent the entry of adequate humanitarian aid, in blatant disregard for the provisional measures that the Court has ordered Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with;
- 8- *Emphasizes* the importance of continuing the work of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations to protect the rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to life for Palestinians in Gaza, who are still subjected to continued Israeli military attacks, starvation and disease.

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- 9- *Requests* the Councils of Arab Ambassadors and the missions of the League of Arab States in States and regional and international organizations to take urgent action with visits and contacts to circulate and implement this Resolution.

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