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**Communiqué by**  
**The Extraordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at**  
**Permanent Representatives Level**  
**on**  
**Rejecting Brazil's Establishment of a Diplomatic Trade Office in the city of**  
**Jerusalem**

The Council of the League of Arab States convened an Extraordinary Session at the Permanent Representatives Level on 19 December 2019 at the General Secretariat Headquarters in Cairo, chaired by the Republic of Iraq, upon the request of the State of Palestine and the approval of Member States.

The Council discussed the positions and actions that Member States can undertake to confront Brazil's unilateral and illegal act of establishing a diplomatic trade office in Jerusalem, in a flagrant violation of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy relevant to the legal status of the city of Jerusalem.

The Council reiterated all its previous resolutions and communiqués on the Question of Palestine, and its condemnation and rejection of any decision that undermines the legal status of the city of Jerusalem, and its rejection and condemnation of all Israeli systematic and illegal schemes and policies targeting the holy city, its people, its Arab identity and its Islamic and Christian holy places, which constitute a violation of relevant Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions 252 (1968), 267 (1969) and 476 and 478 (1980).

The Council also:

- 1- *Condemns and rejects* Brazil's establishment of a diplomatic trade office in the city of Jerusalem, which constitutes a violation of international law and relevant resolutions of international legitimacy on the legal and historical status of the city Jerusalem, *and considers* this unilateral and illegal action as biased in favor of the Israeli occupation and supportive in supportive of its illegal policies aimed at imposing control over occupied East Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine; *and warns of* the stances espoused by the Brazilian President, and Chair of the Chamber of Deputies Committee on Foreign Relations, concerning the intention to recognize Jerusalem as capital of the occupying State and to move its Embassy thereto;
- 2- *Urges* all countries to abide by Security Council Resolutions 476 and 478 (1980), and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/19 of 2017 adopted at its Tenth Emergency Special Session on the basis of "Uniting for Peace", which emphasized that any decisions and actions which purport to alter the character, status or demographic composition of the city of Jerusalem are of no legal effect, null and void and called upon all countries to refrain from establishing diplomatic missions in the city of Jerusalem;
- 3- *Expresses its deep regret* that the Brazilian government has changed its historical positions which upheld international law and were supportive of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including through changing the pattern of Brazil's voting on resolutions on the Question of Palestine in international fora, *and warns* that this

negative change in Brazilian foreign policy towards the just Palestinian question will seriously endanger the common Arab-Brazilian political, economic and diplomatic relations and interests;

- 4- *Reaffirms* the intention of Member States to take all the necessary practical political, diplomatic and economic measures to confront any decision undertaken by any country that shall violate the legal status of the city of Jerusalem, in implementation of the decisions of successive Arab summits and ministerial councils, and follow-up on the implementation of the "integrated plan of action to counter the decision of the United States or any other country to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel or transferring its embassy thereto", and implement this plan within the framework of confronting the illegal Brazilian measure to establish the Brazilian trade office in Jerusalem;
- 5- *Appreciates* the efforts exerted by the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Brazil, *and calls upon it* to continue to act with the government, parliament and political parties in Brazil to impress upon them the League of Arab States' rejection of such illegal unilateral measures, *and calls upon* the Arab Parliament, Arab communities and civil society organizations to urgently act to achieve the goals of this Communiqué;
- 6- *Calls for* coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and regional and international organizations and groups on the objectives of this Communiqué;
- 7- *Expresses gratitude and appreciation for* the stances of countries and Brazilian actors that reject prejudicing the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, *and in this context welcomes and commends* the resolution adopted recently by the United Nations General Assembly on the three-year renewal of UNRWA's mandate.

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