

## Communiqué

## Communiqué by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of Following up on the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States 9 March 2022

The Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of following up on the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States, 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 HE Arab League Secretary-General, convened its Fourth Meeting at the headquarters of Arab League Secretariat General in Cairo, on the sidelines of the 157<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 9 March 2022.

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

The Committee emphasized the previous resolutions adopted by the Arab League Council concerning the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States.

The Committee expressed its concern over the Turkey's military presence in a number of Arab States and all forms of Turkish 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 hereof. The committee stressed the importance of

Turkey's government cooperation in order to take all the necessary and appropriate measures to address supporting, recruitment, training and transfer of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries to Arab States.

The Committee denounced the Turkish endeavors 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 of the two Arab States, and resulted in tremendous 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, looking forward to more effective developments for the benefit of both sides.

It was agreed that the Committee will convene its upcoming meeting, on the sideline of the 158<sup>th</sup> Session of the Arab League Council at Ministerial Level, to be chaired by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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