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Press Statement by
Third Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of
Taking Actions to Stop the Illegal Israeli Policies and Measures in the occupied
Jerusalem
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The Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of Taking Actions to Stop the Illegal Israeli Policies and Measures in the occupied Jerusalem, which consists of Tunisia (Chair of the Arab summit), Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Morocco, and the Arab League Secretary-General, held its session under chairmanship of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan at the headquarters of the Secretariat General of the League of Arab States on 9 March 2022, on the sidelines of the 157th Ordinary Session for the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level.

The Committee convened its Third Meeting pursuant to Resolution 8860 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 11 May 2021, concerning the Israeli aggression against the occupied city of Jerusalem and its people, including the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, which decided to form an Arab Ministerial Committee to take actions and liaise with the permanent Members of the UN Security Council and other influential countries on the international arena.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ayman Al-Safadi, reviewed the efforts exerted by the Committee since its Second Meeting which was convened on 9 September 2021, and the actions taken by its Member States in this regard.

Al-Safadi also reviewed the efforts made to protect the rights of the people of Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in their homes and to provide all possible support to the people of the neighborhood in occupied East Jerusalem to consolidate their rights and keep them in their homes.

The Committee has also been briefed by Dr. Riyad Al-Malki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants of the State of Palestine on the Israeli settlement plans to Judaize the city of Jerusalem, demolishing homes, displacing the city's residents, increasing the numbers of extremist religious settlers in the city with the aim of reducing the numbers of Palestinians of the city and seeking to Judaize the city and holy places. The Palestinian

Minister also demanded the approval of the plan to “save Jerusalem” for the Arab action towards saving the city from the declared Israeli plans and enforce the plan covering all political, financial, economic, cultural and other levels in a manner that enhances the identity of the Arab and Islamic city and strengthens the steadfastness of the Palestinian people. The Minister also stated that if we delay in taking an action in this regard, this may lead to our loss of the holy city.

During the Third Meeting, the Ministers of Member States emphasized the importance of continuing the joint action to confront the illegal and illegitimate Israeli policies, which represent a violation of international law and undermine the foundations of peace, such as demolishing homes, building and expanding settlements, confiscating land and displacing Palestinians, leading to the impossibility of the establishment of a contiguous and viable Palestinian State . The Ministers also highlighted the importance of supporting the resilience of the people of Jerusalem, and exerting all efforts to confront the Israeli measures aimed at changing the historical and legal situation in the occupied city of Jerusalem.

The Ministers reaffirmed that East Jerusalem is the capital of the Palestinian state, and rejected any attempt to diminish the Palestinian sovereignty over the city, and any unilateral measures affecting the legal status of Jerusalem.

The Ministers highlighted the importance of preserving the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem and its Islamic and Christian holy sites, and rejected all practices that intended to prejudice this situation. The Ministers affirmed the importance of the role of the Hashemite custodianship over the Arab, Islamic and Christian holy places in Jerusalem, and its role in protecting these holy places and preserving their Arab, Islamic and Christian identity, and the historical and legal situation thereto.

The Ministers also valued the role of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by HM King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, and its important mandate, through the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency to support Jerusalemites.
