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Ministerial Level
On
The Arab Situation and Support for the Question of
Palestine**

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**The Arab Situation and Support for the
Question of Palestine**

The Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level convened in an Extraordinary Session on Monday, 8 February 2021 at the headquarters of the Secretariat General in Cairo, under the chairmanship of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Chair of the 154th Ordinary Session of the Ministerial Council), with the presence of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Secretary General of the League of Arab States, and which was held upon the joint initiative by Egypt and Jordan to convene this meeting, which was supported by all Member States,

- *Recalling* the current developments facing the Arab region, which require a collective Arab stance that prevents foreign interference in Arab affairs, safeguards Arab national security and serves the common Arab interests,
 - *Emphasizing* the need to restore momentum to collective Arab action based on a vision that corresponds with the developments and seeks to achieve the interests of the Arab peoples in a changing world with multiple challenges, and on the principle of the sovereign decision of Arab States, while fully adhering to the principled issues and firm rights that do not change with circumstances, at the forefront of which is the Question of Palestine,
 - *Emphasizing* that Arab national security is an integral component of the national security of each State, and the need for Arab States to stand united against imminent dangers, international and regional interferences, and repeated Israeli violations of Arab States' sovereignty to defend common Arab interests,
 - *Reiterating* all resolutions adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States on the Question of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict, the importance of restoring Arab cohesion, and adherence to the unified collective Arab position with regards the rights of the brotherly Palestinian people in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, terms of reference of the peace process and the Arab Peace Initiative,
 - *Recalling* the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Palestine on 15 November 1988,
- 1- *Emphasizes that* all Arab States as one group under the umbrella of the League of Arab States defend common interests, and Arab national security, amidst the multiple

interactions and developments on the international stage, in a manner that averts pressure and interference by regional and international powers to achieve their agendas and interests at the expense of Arab interests; and seek to preserve the concept of the State to secure the unity of peoples, and away from the concept of division within Arab communities; *and emphasizes* the need for an effective and collective Arab role in approaching regional challenges and efforts to solve the crises afflicting the region;

- 2- *Reiterates* the centrality of the Question of Palestine for the Arab States; *reaffirms* the commitment of all Arab States to support the legitimate and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, particularly the right to self-determination, the right of return and establishment of an independent, fully sovereign State of Palestine, on the lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital; *and emphasizes* the need to find a just solution to the Palestinian refugee issue, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194;
- 3- *Emphasizes* the adherence of Arab States to the two-State solution, which enshrines the independent and sovereign Palestinian State on the basis of international law, relevant resolutions of international legitimacy, the Arab Peace Initiative adopted in 2002 with all its elements, and the principle of land for peace, as the only means to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East; *and calls on* the Israeli side to accept the Arab Peace Initiative;
- 4- *Emphasizes that* the Arab States continue to defend the right of the State of Palestine to sovereignty over its territories with East Jerusalem as its capital, and to protect its holy sites; *affirms* the significant role of the Hashemite custodianship over the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem in protecting these holy sites and preserving the Arab identity of the city and its existing historical and legal status; *stresses* that the Jordan-run Administration of Jerusalem's Endowments and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs is the sole authority entrusted with administering these holy sites and all their affairs; *and reaffirms* the role of Al-Quds Committee, and Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the executive arm of the Committee, in preserving the Arab identity and supporting the steadfastness of the Jerusalemites in defending their legitimate rights;
- 5- *Reiterates* the Arab rejection of any unilateral Israeli schemes or measures that violate the rights of the Palestinian people, contravene international law and undermine the two-State solution for which there is no alternative; *and reaffirms* the need to adhere to the resolutions of international legitimacy, in particular Security Council

- resolutions calling for an immediate and full cessation of all settlement activities, including in East Jerusalem, especially Security Council Resolution 2334;
- 6- *Urges* all international parties, including the United Nations and the Quartet, to take practical measures in order to initiate credible negotiations that address all final status issues and result in ending the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory occupied in 1967, and achieve a just and comprehensive peace on the basis of the two-State solution; *commends* the efforts exerted by international and regional parties to advance the cause of just peace which represents an Arab strategic option; *and affirming* in this regard the importance of the role of the United States of America and members of the Quartet, and the importance of the international community's engagement in facilitating the relaunching of credible peace negotiations on the basis of the established international terms of reference, that offer prospects for a better future for the Palestinian people and the peoples of the entire region based on the Arab Peace Initiative;
 - 7- *Welcomes* the decision taken by Pre-Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court stipulating that the Court's territorial jurisdiction in Palestine extends to the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, namely Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem;
 - 8- *Welcomes* the decision of the State of Palestine to hold national elections and the recent developments within the framework of efforts exerted to achieve Palestinian reconciliation; *and welcomes* all endeavors being exerted to ensure full reconciliation among the Palestinians;
 - 9- *Emphasizes* the need to fulfill the obligations emanating from the decisions adopted by successive Arab Summits regarding support for the budget of the State of Palestine, and activation of the financial safety net as soon as possible;
 - 10- *Commends* the important role undertaken by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in providing humanitarian assistance and essential services to Palestinian refugees; *and urges* the international community to fulfill its obligations towards this international Agency in order to assist it in overcoming the large financial deficit it suffers from and fulfill the mandate given to it by the decision of its establishment;
 - 11- *Stresses the importance* of Arab States, in coordination with the Arab member of the Security Council, to liaise with the members of the Quartet and all influential parties

on this Question to urge them to engage without delay in working towards its settlement;

- 12- *Requests* the Secretary General to undertake the necessary contacts and consultations to follow-up implementation of this resolution and present a report on this matter to the Council.

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