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Some Countries' Violation of the Legal Status of the Holy City of Jerusalem

The Council of the League of Arab States at Permanent Delegate Level convened an extraordinary session on 18th December 2018, chaired by the Republic of Sudan at the General Secretariat headquarters in Cairo, upon the request of the State of Palestine and the support of the Member States,

- Having reviewed the note of the General Secretariat,
- *Discussing* the declared and foreseeable violations of the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem committed by some countries, which breach the international law and relevant international legitimacy resolutions, particularly Security Council Resolutions 476 and 478 of 1980, and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/ES-10/19 of 2017), which affirms that any decisions and actions which purport to have altered the character, status or demographic composition of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal effect, are null and void and calls upon all States to refrain from the establishment of diplomatic missions in the Holy City of Jerusalem, pursuant to Security Council Resolution 478 of 1980,
- *Emphasizing* all its previous resolutions at summit, ministerial and permanent delegates levels concerning the occupied city of Jerusalem and the Israeli violations of the Palestinian people's rights,
- 1- Calls on Brazil's President-elect, Jair Bolsonaro to refrain from taking any positions that shall prejudice the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, in a view to maintaining close bonds of friendship and relations with the Arab States and preserving Brazil historical attitudes abided by international law and supported the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people;
- 2- Condemns and rejects the Australian government's decision on the Holy City of Jerusalem, which is biased to the Israeli occupation and inconsistent with international law and international legitimacy resolutions pertinent to the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem; and demands the Australian government to retract and refrain from taking any illegal step in this regard;
- 3- Supports the procedures undertaken by the State of Palestine at the International Court of Justice against any country violates international conventions by affecting the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem;
- 4- *Emphasizes* the Member States' determination to address any decisions breaching the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem; *and takes* the appropriate political, diplomatic and economic measures against these illegal steps;
- 5- Conveys urgent high-ranking bilateral messages to Brazil's President-elect and to the Australian government urging them to abide by international law and international legitimacy resolutions pertinent to the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem;

- 6- *Informs* the Ambassadors of Brazil and Australia to Member States of the Arab position against any decision that violates the existing legal and historical status of the City of Jerusalem;
- 7- Dispatches a high-level government group from the Member States and the General Secretariat, formed by the General Secretariat in coordination with the Member States, to meet the Brazilian and Australian officials and to inform them of the Arab League's message in this regard;
- 8- Follows up on the implementation of the "integrated action plan to confront the U.S. decision or that of any other State recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, or to move its embassy thereto,
- 9- Calls upon the Arab Parliament to take an urgent action in a view to implementing the objectives of the present resolution;
- 10- Requests the Arab Group in New York to hold meetings with representatives of the concerned regional groups aiming to urge the States to refrain from taking unilateral actions that violate international law and relevant international legitimacy resolutions of the Holy City of Jerusalem;
- 11- Calls upon the Councils of Arab Ambassadors in Brazil and Australia to continue their coordination with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Parliaments and Political Parties of the two countries to inform the Arab League's message in this regard;
- 12- *Coordinates* with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and regional and international organizations and groups on the objectives of the present resolution;
- 13- Requests the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the present Resolution and to report on this matter to the next session of the Arab League's Council.

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Statement by the Council of the League of Arab States at Permanent Delegates Level at its Extraordinary Session Concerning

The Ongoing Israeli Aggression and Incitement in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Cairo: 18/12/2018

The Council of the League of Arab States at Permanent Delegates Level, convened an extraordinary session on 18th December 2018 at the General Secretariat headquarters in Cairo, chaired by the Republic of Sudan.

The council discussed the ongoing Israeli crimes, aggressions and incursions against the Palestinian people, their territories and properties in the occupied Palestinian territories, targeting the lives of the Palestinian civilians and the residential buildings, consequently, dozens of martyrs and injured Palestinian civilians fell victims of this Israeli aggression. The Council also deliberated the flagrant Israeli incitement campaign against the Palestinian leadership by officials of the Israeli occupation government and extremist settlers.

The Council affirms all its resolutions issued at different levels including summits, ministerial and permanent delegates levels on political developments follow-up of the question of Palestine:

- 1- Condemns the widespread systematic Israeli crimes perpetrated against the Palestinian people, which are considered war crimes and crimes against humanity under international humanitarian law, international human rights law and the charters of international tribunals, whereas these current crimes represented in a large-scale besieging and incursion of Palestinian cities, villages and camps, cutting roads with military roadblocks, carrying out field execution without trial, and attacking civilians, demolishing their houses, vandalizing their properties and brutalizing them by the Israeli occupation army and extremist settlers;
- 2- Holds the Israeli government the full legal and criminal responsibility for these crime; *emphasizes* the need to bring their perpetrators to international justice without delay; *and supports* the Palestinian efforts aiming to hold Israel (the occupying Power) accountable for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people;
- 3- *Provides* every support, assistance and tribute to the *sumud* and the heroic role of the Palestinian people on their land, as well as their just and legitimate struggle in defense for their lives, holy places and inalienable rights;
- 4- Calls on the Security Council to bear its responsibilities in safeguarding international peace and security, and pressure on Israel (the occupying Power) to promptly halt the aggression and incitement practiced against the Palestinian people;

- 5- Calls on the United Nations to implement the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 20/10-ES/RES/A (2018) on the protection of the Palestinian civilians, through the implementation of the approaches to the protection of the Palestinian civilian population, which contained in the United Nations Secretary-General's latest report in this regard; and urges international community States and organizations to participate in the protection of the Palestinian civilians and to form a practical and effective mechanism for the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution and the United Nations Secretary-General's report;
- 6- Condemns the Israeli systematic and public incitement campaigns launched by officials of the Israeli government and extremist settlers against the Palestinian people and their national leadership, which reached to an explicit incitement to the assassination of HE Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, which is considered a declaration of the assassination of the peace process and the elimination of the two-State solution; calls on the international community to condemn these incitement calls; and holds the Israeli government fully responsible for its results;
- Supports the right of the Palestinian people to exercise all forms of legitimate anti-occupation struggle in accordance with the provisions of international law, including peaceful popular resistance; and underlines that the boycott of the Israeli occupation and its colonial regime is one of the most viable and legitimate means of resistance, termination and enforcement of the two-State solution:
- 8- Calls on the Arab Parliament, Arab national Parliaments, mass media institutions and civil society organizations to take an effective action to expose the crimes of Israel (the occupying Power) perpetrated against unarmed Palestinian civilians; and calls for ensuring international protection for them.

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