

**Communique adopted by
The Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level
at its Extraordinary Session
on
Developments of the Question of Palestine - the Political Process and the
Financial Crisis**

The Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level convened an extraordinary session, in the presence of H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas of the State of Palestine, and chaired by H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia, upon the request of the State of Palestine and the support of the Member States, to discuss the latest developments of the Question of Palestine, in particular those aimed at imposing illegal solutions calling for Israeli sovereignty over fundamental sections of the Palestinian and Arab territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, the occupied Syrian Arab Golan, Shab'a Farms, the Lebanese Kafr Shuba Hills and the Lebanese part of Ghajar Village, and that afford protection for Israeli colonial crimes and practices, including attacks perpetrated against lives, Holy Places and property, and a legitimization to steal the funds and rights of the Palestinian people;

Having been addressed by H.E. the President of the State of Palestine, and after the deliberations of the Member States, and in line with the decisions of the Council of the Arab League, most recently the decisions of the Tunisia Summit (30th Ordinary Session), and taking into account the centrality of the Question of Palestine for the Arab Nation, the Council,

- 1- *Emphasizes* that the Arab States that endorsed the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002, based on international law, resolutions of international legitimacy and the principle of land for peace, cannot accept any plan or deal that does not conform with these international terms of reference; and that such a deal will not succeed in achieving comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East, if it does not meet the legitimate rights of the struggling Palestinian people, at the forefront of which is their right to self-determination and the establishment their sovereign independent state along the lines of 4 June 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, the right of return and compensation for refugees in accordance with resolution 194, the Arab Peace Initiative, and the release of all prisoners; and *emphasizes* in this regard its support for the peace plan presented by H.E. the President of the State of Palestine before the Security Council in 2018.
- 2- *Affirms* the commitment of the Arab States to take the necessary measures to protect the occupied City of East Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine, and to safeguard its Arab identity and historical and legal status, including its Islamic and Christian Holy Places, against Israeli colonial policies, schemes and practices, as well as against any decision that recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, or that prejudices its legal status as established by the relevant resolutions of international legitimacy.

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- 3- *Calls upon* the international community to implement Security Council Resolution 2334 against Israeli colonial settlement; to protect the Palestinian civilian population in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 20/10 (2018); and to adhere to the UN mandate of UNRWA and secure the necessary financial resources and contributions for its budget and activities.
- 4- *Warns of* the danger of the Israeli approach of adopting racist laws to legitimize the settlement and apartheid systems, depriving the Palestinian people of their rights, and plundering their lands and sources of livelihood, including the law permitting the occupation government to steal the allocations for the families of Palestinian martyrs and prisoners from Palestinian tax revenues.
- 5- *Affirms* the commitment of the Arab States to support the budget of the State of Palestine and implement the decision of the Tunisia Summit with regards to operationalizing a financial safety net in the amount of 100 million USD per month, in support of the State of Palestine to confront the political and financial pressures it is being subjected to.
- 6- *Emphasizes* respect for the legitimacy of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestinian people, under the leadership of H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas; *and calls upon* the Palestinian factions and forces to rapidly conclude national reconciliation, and enable the Palestinian Government to assume its full responsibilities in the Gaza Strip, and conduct general elections as early as possible.
- 7- *Mandates* the Arab Peace Initiative Committee to follow up the developments of this issue and considers that the Committee shall remain in permanent session to be actively seized of the matter.

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