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***Communiqué by the Second Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge
of Following up on the Turkish Interference
in the Internal Affairs of Arab States
3rd March 2021***

The Arab Ministerial Committee concerned with 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 second meeting at the headquarters of Arab League Secretariat General in Cairo, on the sidelines of the 155th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 3rd March 2021.

The Committee discussed Turkey's interference in Arab States and reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the Secretariat General in this regard, and Resolution 8454 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of the Arab League Council on 12th October 2019 concerning the Turkish Aggression against Syria, Resolution 8542 on 9th September 2020 concerning the Arab Stand towards Turkish Forces Violation of Iraq's Sovereignty, Resolution 8518 by the 153rd Ordinary Session on 4th March 2020 and Resolution 8543 by the 154th Ordinary Session on 9th September 2020 on the "Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States" and the Arab League Secretary-General Communiqués in this regard.

The Committee reaffirmed previous resolutions of the Arab League Council concerning the Turkish interference in the internal affairs of Arab States.

The Committee condemned Turkey's military presence in a number of Arab States and all forms of aggressive Turkish interference in the internal affairs of Arab States, aimed to destroy its stability and tamper with the fate of its people, using its media platforms to incite violence and bear arms, particularly in Syria, Libya and Iraq, as well as hosting elements affiliated to terrorist groups such as the Brotherhood organization and the provision of safe haven for them. The Committee also deplored the repeated Turkish violations of Security Council resolutions related to the imposition of an arms embargo on Libya.

The Committee denounced the continued violations and flagrant encroachment by the Turkish side on the sovereignty of some Arab States, through direct interference or supporting terrorist and extremist groups and organizations, mercenaries and foreign terrorist fighters by financing, training and/or arming, all of

which require an Arab and international mobilization to confront these malicious actions at all levels and by various means, as a serious violation of international law and the relevant Security Council resolutions and a significant threat to the Arab national security.

The Committee denounced the systematic change of the demographic structure of some Arab areas under its control, similar to northeastern Syria. The Committee also 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 highlighted the need to take all the necessary and appropriate measures to address supporting, recruitment, training and transfer of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries to these countries.

The Committee demanded the Turkish regime to immediately desist from violating water rights of the Republic of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic by the construction of dams on Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which have adversely affected the allocation of water of the two Arab countries, and resulted in tremendous economic and environmental damage to both countries.

It was agreed that the Committee will convene its upcoming meeting on the margin of the 156th Session of the Arab League Council at Ministerial Level, to be chaired by the Arab Republic of Egypt.
