



Jeddah Summit

**The Council of the League of Arab States
at the Summit Level
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Jeddah Declaration

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At the kind invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the leaders of Arab States convened the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Summit Level (Jeddah Summit) on 19th May 2023, under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening joint Arab action based on common foundations, values, interests and one destiny, and the necessity of unifying ranks, solidarity and cooperation in maintaining security and stability, protecting the sovereignty of our States and the cohesion of their institutions, preserving their achievements, striving for further progress concerning Arab action, and taking advantage of the human and natural assets that our region enjoys to address the challenges of the new era in a way that serves the goals and aspirations of a promising future for our peoples and future generations,

Emanating from our keenness to secure conditions, utilize opportunities, strengthen and deepen partnerships and consolidate understandings among our States based on common interests, and increase cooperation to achieve sustainable development goals and implement the ambitious development visions of our States through a comprehensive renaissance in all fields to keep pace with global developments and create a future that meets the hopes and aspirations of our peoples and achieves the common interest and mutual benefits of our countries,

Inspired by the past experiences of our States and *recognizing* the magnitude of challenges surrounding Arab security and the events that some of our States went through, as well as the importance of preserving our culture and values, and our firm determination that the citizens of our States be the target of development and a solid pillar of stability and progress, and that security be the key to stability,

Declare that we

- 1- *Reaffirm* the centrality of the Palestinian cause to our States as one of the key factors of stability in the region; *condemn* in the strongest terms the practices and violations targeting Palestinians in their lives, property and existence; emphasize the importance of intensifying efforts to achieve a comprehensive and just settlement of the question of Palestine and reach a horizon for achieving peace based on the two-State solution in accordance with international references, mainly the Arab Peace Initiative, relevant international resolutions and the principles of international law, to ensure restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, particularly their right to return and self-determination and to establish an independent and sovereign Palestinian state on Palestinian territory on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital; *call upon* the international community to assume its responsibilities to end the occupation and stop repeated Israeli attacks and violations that impede political solutions and undermine international peace efforts; stress the need to continue efforts to protect the occupied city of Jerusalem and its holy sites in the face of the Israeli occupation's condemned attempts to change its demography, identity and historical and legal status quo, including through supporting the historical Hashemite custodianship to protect Islamic and Christian holy sites and the Jordanian Awqaf Department of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs as the only legal body with exclusive authority, as well as supporting the role of Jerusalem Committee and Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency;

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- 2- *Follow attentively* the ongoing developments and events in the brotherly Republic of Sudan; *express* our deep concern at the repercussions of the crisis for the security, safety and stability of our States and peoples; *reaffirm the need* to ensure de-escalation, resort to dialogue and unity, alleviate the suffering of the Sudanese people, preserve national state institutions, prevent their collapse and avoid any external interference in Sudanese affairs that would fuel conflict and threaten regional peace and security; *and consider* the meetings of Jeddah, which commenced on 6th May 2023, among Sudanese parties, an important step that can be built upon to end this crisis and restore security and stability in Sudan and protect the capabilities of its people;
- 3- *Welcome* the resolution adopted by the League's council at the Ministerial Level to resume the participation of delegations of the Syrian government in the meetings of the League's Council and its affiliated bodies; *express* hope that this resolution would contribute to supporting the stability of the Syrian Arab Republic, preserving its territorial integrity, and restoring its role within the Arab world, and *stress the importance of* continuing to intensify Arab efforts aimed at helping Syria overcome its crisis in line with the common Arab interest and the brotherly relations that connect all Arab peoples;
- 4- *Emphasize, once again, our support for* all efforts that could guarantee the security and stability of the Republic of Yemen and fulfill the aspirations of the brotherly Yemeni people, as well as our support for the UN and regional efforts seeking to come up with a comprehensive political solution to the Yemeni crisis based on the three terms of reference, namely the Gulf Cooperation Council Initiative and its Implementation Mechanisms, the Yemeni National Dialogue outcomes, and the UN Security Council Resolution 2216; *and reiterate support for* the efforts of the Presidential Leadership Council in Yemen to achieve security, stability and peace in the country in a way that ensures an end to the Yemeni crisis;
- 5- *Express our solidarity with Lebanon* and urge all Lebanese parties to engage in dialogue to elect a President of the Republic who fulfills the aspirations of the Lebanese people, and ensures the regular functioning of the constitutional institutions, and the adoption of the required reforms to steer Lebanon out of its crisis;
- 6- *Stress that* foreign interference in the internal affairs of Arab States should be stopped; *categorically reject* any action that supports the formation of armed groups and militias outside state institutions; *and emphasize* that internal armed conflicts will not result in the victory one party over the other, but will rather exacerbate the suffering of the peoples, destroy their achievement and impede the realization of our citizens' ambitions;
- 7- *Emphasize* that sustainable development, security, stability and peace are inherent rights for all Arab citizens, however, these can only be achieved through exerting concerted and integrated efforts, firmly fighting crime and corruption at all levels, and mobilizing resources and capabilities to create a future that is based on creativity and innovation and that keeps pace of various developments, in a way that serves and enhances security, stability and the prosperity for our people;

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- 8- *Believe that* visions and plans that are based on investing in resources and opportunities and addressing challenges can localize development, and activate available capabilities, and utilize technology, in order to achieve a comprehensive Arab industrial and agricultural renaissance to which our States should contribute through their capabilities – which requires us to deepen our mutual solidarity, and enhance our mutual solidarity, interdependence and unity in order to achieve the ambitions and aspirations of our Arab peoples;
- 9- *Express our commitment to* and pride in our values and culture based on dialogue, tolerance, openness and non-interference in other countries' affairs under any pretext; *emphasize our respect for* the values and cultures of others and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of States; *consider* that cultural diversity contributes to better understanding and coexistence, and *categorically reject* using the dominance of some cultures over others as a pretext for interfering in the domestic affairs of our Arab States;
- 10- *Seek to exert further efforts to* preserve our authentic Arab culture and identity among our sons and daughters and to strengthen their pride in our well-established values and traditions, and *pledge* to make every effort to highlight our civilizational and intellectual heritage and spread our deep-rooted culture to make it a bridge for communication with other cultures;
- 11- *Appreciate* the commitment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to create the conditions necessary for achieving stability and economic growth in the region, particularly in terms of sustainable development in its cultural, environmental, social, and economic dimensions, as well as the Kingdom's efforts during its presidency of the 32nd Arab League summit on a number of initiatives that are to contribute to advancing the joint Arab action in the cultural, economic, social and environmental fields, including:
 - The initiative of teaching the Arabic language to non-native speakers, which targets the children of the second and third generations of Arab immigrants, in a way that contributes to enhancing civilizational communication between Arab States and the world, and highlights and preserves the deep-rooted Arab civilization and culture;
 - The Culture and Green Future Initiative that aims to raise the commitment of the cultural sector in the Arab States to the level of Sustainable Development Goals, to develop cultural policies related to sustainability, and to contribute to supporting environment-friendly cultural practices and the employment of these policies in support of the creative economy in Arab States;
 - The initiative of sustaining the supply chains of essential food commodities for the Arab States, which relies mainly on a set of activities and on providing investment opportunities, with economic and financial feasibility, that contribute to achieving food security for Arab States and securing their needs of food commodities;
 - The initiative of research and excellence in the water desalination industry with the purpose of stimulating scientific, applied research and innovation in the desalinated water production industry and water solutions for interested countries in need, and focuses on spreading and sharing knowledge and expertise, contributing to improving the economics of this industry in order to reduce costs, raise the efficiency of operations and

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improve its environmental sustainability, in addition to the issuance of specifications, standardizations and institutional restructuring for the water sectors to make them a strategic industry for the Arab States; and

- The initiative to establish a think tank for research and studies in sustainability and economic development, which would embrace new directions and ideas and highlight the importance of sustainable development initiatives in the Arab region to enhance joint and multilateral interest in research cooperation and the conclusion of strategic partnerships.

- Iraq has registered its reservations to the phrase (the two-State solution) in Paragraph No. (1) of the present Declaration as it is contrary to Iraqi laws.