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We, the leaders of Arab States,

In compliance with the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the League of Arab States, the Treaty of Joint Defense and Economic Cooperation, Arab Summit resolutions, and according to the joint Arab action mechanisms in various areas, recall the Arab Solidarity Charter issued by the Casablanca Summit of 1965, and the document of "Covenant, Accord and Solidarity among Leaders of the Arab States", issued by the Tunis Summit of 2004, and Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration of March 2015 on Safeguarding the Arab National Security in Response to the Present Challenges, and in light of the serious challenges and unprecedented threats targeting our Arab nation that are afflicting our countries, violating its sanctities and threatening its security and stability.

Convinced that the Arab national security is an interdependent and indivisible unit, recall our authentic Arab values, our ancient cultural traditions, our tolerant and moderate belief, our diverse cultural heritage and our rich social fabric.

Aware of the importance of strengthening Arab solidarity which today becomes an urgent need to confront the common challenges, to safeguard peace, security and stability in the region, in accordance with the Charter of the League of Arab States and the Charter of the United Nations.

We have resolved and determined to promote solidarity among our countries and to coordinate their positions for a joint Arab vision serving the supreme interests of our countries, achieving security and stability for our people, and fulfilling the aspirations of our nation towards development, prosperity and progress.

To this end, we have pledged at the 29th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at Summit Level held in Dhahran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 15th April 2018, on the following:

- **Continue to provide the necessary Arab support for the Question of Palestine, the central cause of our nation, to achieve the establishment of an independent Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital on the borders of 4th June 1967, in accordance with relevant international legitimacy resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative; to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East; and promote solidarity against all attempts aiming to liquidate the Palestinian Question, to Judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif and to support the steadfastness of its people by all possible means.**
- **Protect our nation against the imminent danger posed by terrorism and violent extremism to our societies and values; as well as support and develop Arab strategies and mechanisms in countering terrorism and safeguarding the Arab national security by all security, economic, social, cultural and intellectual means.**
- **Become aware of the challenges surrounding our nation as a result of regional ambitions and threats that occupy and confiscate the lands of Arab States, targeting their capitals and towns, the fabric of their societies, their national identity and the sources of their peoples' livelihoods, and act decisively against regional threats and interventions in the Arab affairs.**
- **Call, once again, on the Arab neighbouring countries to abide by the principles of good neighborliness and to respect the sovereignty, stability and territorial integrity of the Arab States.**
- **Exert every effort to preserve the Arab national state and to safeguard its sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity; address the attempts to undermine its authority by the regional parties and their affiliated agents, parties and militias within the Arab States; and call, once again, on regional parties to refrain from supplying these militias with weapons, equipment and funds to threaten the security and stability of Arab States.**

- **Abide by strengthening the Arab solidarity; emphasize the right of any Arab State to preserve its security and stability and to defend itself, providing them with the possible support in conformity with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations within the framework of international legitimacy; and refrain from taking any action which might harm the supreme interests of the Arab nation.**

- **Accelerate the implementation of joint Arab action mechanism in the economic, social and development fields; and enforce the Arab strategies in these areas for achieving sustainable development across the Arab world.**

- **Request the Secretariat General of the League of Arab States, in coordination with Member States, to follow up on the implementation of the content of this document through the applicable strategies and mechanisms within the joint Arab action framework, including:**

The Arab Peace Initiative Committee.

The Arab Economic Integration Mechanisms.

The Arab Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Arab Ministerial Quartet Committee concerned with developments follow-up of the crisis with Iran, and the means to confront its interference in the internal affairs of the Arab States.

God is the Arbiter of Success,

The document has been drafted in Dhahran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 15th April 2018, in one original copy shall be deposited at the Secretariat General of the League of Arab States, and a certified copy of the original shall be submitted to each Member State which has signed or acceded to this document.