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At the 21st Meeting of the Heads of State Litigation Authorities
in the Arab States

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Your Excellency Counsellor Adnan Al-Fangari, Minister of Justice of the Arab Republic of
Egypt,

Your Excellencies, Ministers, and Heads of Judicial Bodies,

Your Excellencies, Arab Ambassadors and Heads of State Litigation Authorities in the Arab
States, and Heads of Arab Delegations,

Distinguished Guests,

Peace be upon you,

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a warm welcome to this renewed Arab judicial gathering. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for your active participation and notable presence, as well as for the continuous efforts you exert to ensure the success of the meetings of State Litigation Authorities and to advance their work at the Arab level.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States for his continued support and sponsorship of the work of the Arab Centre for Legal and Judicial Research. This support is reflected in the General Secretariat's hosting of several of the Centre's activities and events, affirming the League's commitment to strengthening and advancing joint Arab action in the legal and judicial fields.

As you convene the 21st Meeting of the Heads of State Litigation Authorities in the Arab States, we also mark this year the 80th anniversary of the founding of the League of Arab States. The Charter of the League of Arab States was signed in 1945 with the aim of promoting cooperation among Arab countries, stressing the importance of joint Arab action and the League's role in supporting Arab causes despite the many challenges encountered throughout its long journey.

The League is currently celebrating this occasion through cultural forums and a range of programmes. I invite you to visit the “Legacy and Journey” exhibition after the opening session to learn more about the League’s founding and historical development.

Allow me also to extend my sincere congratulations to the Minister of Justice of the Arab Republic of Egypt and to the Egyptian State Litigation Authority, its president and members, on the occasion of the Authority’s 150th anniversary — a remarkable milestone that reflects the depth and distinction of the Egyptian judicial system, its pioneering role in the Arab arena, and its significant contribution to strengthening legal and judicial cooperation among Arab states.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

In this regard, I would like to highlight the experience of the Arab Centre for Legal and Judicial Research, which places particular emphasis on capacity-building, the organisation of technical workshops and international conferences, and the conduct of training, studies, and research, in accordance with the mandate entrusted to it by the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice. Since its establishment in 1980, the Centre has distinguished itself by issuing dozens of model laws through Arab technical committees created under the Sanaa Plan for the Unification of Arab Legislation, as well as hundreds of scientific studies published in its annual series and in the periodic issues of its peer-reviewed journal, “The Scientific Researcher”.

The Centre has also played a notable role in organising international conferences, most prominently the Conference on the Recovery of Stolen Assets held in Baghdad under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Iraq and with the participation of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and the Conference on Counter-Terrorism held under the patronage of the President of the Lebanese Republic and attended by the Secretary-General of the League. Additionally, the Centre has administered the League of Arab States Award for Law and Justice, held in Beirut and Mauritania.

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The Centre operates under the supervision of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice, which plays a pivotal role in advancing Arab judicial cooperation. As the Council's scholarly arm, the Centre remains committed to following up on the adoption and implementation of the outcomes of periodic judicial meetings and specialised technical committees, in line with the aspirations of Their Excellencies the Ministers of Justice to advance Arab justice and open new horizons for its institutions.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The development of judicial personnel, the allocation of human and technical resources, and the integration of modern technologies into development strategies have become matters of paramount importance, particularly as artificial intelligence enters the legal and judicial sphere and digital transformation dominates most sectors. Accordingly, the Centre has sought to benefit from international expertise by cooperating with specialised international organisations and institutes to facilitate the exchange of knowledge.

In addition, the Centre has worked to draw on Arab expertise by assigning Arab specialists to undertake regional tasks that strengthen cooperation and facilitate the exchange of experience among member states. The Centre reaffirms its ongoing commitment to advancing its programmes, enhancing its cooperation with counterpart international bodies, and drawing on their advanced experience in order to transfer such knowledge to Arab judicial institutions for the benefit of all and in support of the broader process of modernisation and development.

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Before concluding, I would like to highlight the Centre's efficient and effective development process, reflected in the decision to rename the Centre's Training Department as the "Judicial Training Academy", whose scientific council is composed of deans and directors of Arab judicial institutes.

This forward-looking step was introduced on the initiative of the Board of Directors of the Arab Centre for Legal and Judicial Research, which includes a distinguished group of judges and experts from Arab states, alongside the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers of Justice and the Minister of Justice of Lebanon in his capacity as Chairman of the Centre's Board.

In conclusion, I once again welcome you all and express the Centre's high appreciation for the working papers you present and the valuable and constructive scholarly contributions you continue to make.

I wish you every success, and wish the member Arab states continued progress and prosperity. May our shared efforts be guided towards all that benefits and advances our Arab nations.

Peace be upon you.