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on

Israel's Aggression on the Occupied City of Jerusalem and
its People, including the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and
Sheikh Jarrah Neighborhood

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**Israel's Aggression on the Occupied City of Jerusalem and
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- **The Council of the League of Arab States convened an Extraordinary Session at the Ministerial Level via video conference on Tuesday, 29 Ramadan 1442 Hijri / 11 May 2021 AD. It was chaired by H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar (current Chair of the Ministerial Council), with the participation of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Heads of Delegation and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and held upon the request of the State of Palestine and with the support of the Member States via video-conference to discuss the Arab and international action to confront the brutal Israeli crimes and attacks against the lives, sanctities and properties of the Palestinian people in the occupied city of Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine, including the current brutal Israeli aggression aimed to evict the Palestinian people from their homes and properties in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and other neighborhoods of the city, and barbaric attacks on worshipers in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque,**
- *Reaffirming* the centrality of the question of Palestine to the entire Arab nation, and emphasizing that the occupied East Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine, is an integral part of the Palestinian territory occupied in 1967, and the full solidarity with the Palestinian people and the strong support for their steadfastness in the occupied city of Jerusalem in the face of the systematic Israeli policies and practices, which aims to judaize and distort its Arab identity, displace its Palestinian Arab population, and change the existing legal and historical situation in the city and its Islamic and Christian holy places, including the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, First Qibla and Third Haram Sharif.
- *Emphasizing* all its Resolutions pertinent to the question of Palestine and the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Resolutions of Arab summits and the Resolutions adopted by the Ordinary and Extraordinary Sessions of the Arab League Council at the Ministerial Level,
- *Emphasizing* the importance of the efforts that led to the convening of the Security Council Meeting on 10 May 2021 to discuss the Israeli aggression against Jerusalem

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and the violations of the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, which came upon the request of the Republic of Tunisia, the Arab member of the Security Council, in coordination with the State of Palestine, and with the support of the People's Republic of China, the current Chair of the Council, and most of the Member States, particularly its deliberations that stress the adherence to the two-State solution on the basis of UN Resolutions and relevant international references,

- 1- *Salutes and hails* the heroic and noble Palestinian people of Jerusalem, who remain steadfast in the occupied city of Jerusalem, and defend the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, the holy places and the Arab, Islamic and Christian properties with their bare chests to confront the systematic brutal crimes and attacks of the Israeli occupation forces in the Holy City.
- 2- *Strongly condemns* the crimes perpetrated by the Israeli occupation forces against unarmed Muslim worshipers in the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, which were seriously escalated during the past weeks and days of the holy month of Ramadan, and led to hundreds of injuries and arrests among worshipers, and the incursion and desecration of the sanctity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque; Warns that these attacks and crimes are considered a flagrant provocation to the faithful across the Islamic world, and threaten to ignite a cycle of violence jeopardizing security and stability in the region and the entire world; *and strongly deplores* the occupation authorities' approaches to undermine the freedom of worship in the Islamic and Christian holy places in the city of Jerusalem, including the attack on defenseless Christian worshipers in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre during their religious ceremonies;
- 3- *Strongly denounces* the decisions and procedures of Israel (the occupying Power) and its unjust judicial system, as well as the terrorist campaigns organized by the Israeli settlers supported by the occupation army and police, which all aim to displace the people of occupied Jerusalem, including the families of the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and other areas of the city as part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing aiming to perpetuate the apartheid regime, sponsored by the Israeli occupation government;
- 4- *Strongly condemns* the widespread aggression of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people across the occupied Palestinian territory, specifically the brutal bombing that deliberately targeted civilians in the besieged Gaza Strip and used excessive force against them, which led to the killing and wounding of a large number of children and innocent civilians; *and calls on* the international community

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- to take urgent action at all levels to curb its reckless disregard for the Palestinian people, to stop aggression and prevent its recurrence;
- 5- *Holds* Israel, the occupying Power, responsible for the consequences of these crimes and actions that constitute flagrant violations of United Nations Resolutions, international law and international humanitarian law; *and calls on* the United Nations and specialized international organizations, including the Security Council, to assume legal, moral and humanitarian responsibilities in order to immediately stop this Israeli aggression, provide international protection for the Palestinian people, preserve their right to freedom of worship, and maintain security and peace in the region and the entire world;
 - 6- *Urges* the Member States to take the necessary steps and measures at all levels, including inter alia, to surge in an intense diplomatic action, through letters, contacts and bilateral meetings, in order to protect the city of Jerusalem, defend its Islamic and Christian sanctities, and support the political, social, economic and humanitarian rights of its people;
 - 7- *Calls on* the formation of an Arab Ministerial Committee of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Qatar, Egypt, Morocco, presidency of the Arab summit (in his capacity), the Arab member of the Security Council (in his capacity), and the Arab League Secretary-General, to contact and communicate with the permanent members of the Security Council and other internationally influential countries, urging them to take practical steps to halt the illegal Israeli policies and procedures in the occupied city of Jerusalem, and consequently the Committee will submit a report on its outcomes to the Extraordinary Session of the Arab League Council to be held for this purpose;
 - 8- *Calls upon* the International Criminal Court to proceed with its criminal investigation into war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Israel against the defenseless Palestinian people, including the displacement of Palestinians from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood and other areas of the occupied Palestinian territories; *and urges* the Court to provide all material and human resources for this investigation and to give it the necessary priority;
 - 9- *Affirms* the importance of the historical Hashemite custodianship over the Islamic and Christian holy places in Jerusalem and its significant role in protecting these sanctities and preserving its existing historical and legal status, as well as the Arab Islamic and Christian identity of these sanctities; *and emphasizes* that the Jordan-

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- run Administration of Jerusalem's Endowments and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs is the sole authority entrusted with administering these holy sites and all their affairs;
- 10- *Highlights* the important role of Al-Quds Committee, chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco, in defending the holy city and supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, as well as the importance of the efforts and endeavours by Bayt Mal Alquds Asharif, an affiliate of Jerusalem Committee;
 - 11- *Mandates* the Arab League Secretariat General to coordinate with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to protect the occupied city of Jerusalem from the Israeli systematic policies and attacks;
 - 12- *Calls on* the Arab Parliament to take urgent action in cooperation with parliaments of influential countries to achieve the objectives of this Resolution;
 - 13- *Mandates* the missions of the League of Arab States and the councils of Arab ambassadors to initiate an intense diplomatic effort to convey the content of this resolution the capitals of influential countries around the world;
 - 14- *Mandates* the Arab Group at the United Nations in New York to initiate consultations and procedures with the President of the Security Council and the President of the General Assembly, including considering the convening the Tenth Emergency Special Session on illegal Israeli actions in the occupied East Jerusalem and other occupied Palestinian territories; *and assigns* the Arab group in Geneva and Paris with initiating the necessary consultations and procedures in the Human Rights Council and UNESCO, each in its own position, to confront and stop the systematic Israeli attacks and the policies in the occupied city of Jerusalem;
 - 15- *Decides to* keep the Council in a permanent session to follow-up on the developments of the aforementioned Israeli aggressive plans; *and mandates* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report hereof to the next Session of the Council.

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