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The Emergency Ministerial Meeting of the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to discuss the escalation of Israeli military attacks on the State of Palestine and the Republic of Lebanon, held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 27 September 2024;

**Proceeding** from the principles and objectives of the Charters of the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

**Affirming** the resolutions adopted by both organizations on the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Shareef, and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and in particular the resolution adopted by the Joint Extraordinary Arab-Islamic Summit to discuss the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 11 November 2023;

**Guided** by the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter and affirming, in this regard, the principle of equal rights among peoples, each having the right to self-determination;

**Reiterating** the centrality of the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds AL-Shareef for the entire Islamic Ummah and the complete support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination and to realize the sovereignty of their independent state on the borders of June 1967, with Al-Quds Al-Shareef as its capital;

**Emphasizing** that the Israeli occupation, presence and practices are the reasons for the deprivation of the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and for the absence of peace, security and stability in the region;

1. **Expresses** its strong condemnation and deep concern over the continued crimes by Israel, the illegal occupying power and the growing scale of its

brutal aggression on the State of Palestine, including the crimes of genocide, settlement, settlers' terrorism, field execution, arbitrary arrest, torture, rape, enforced disappearance, starvation, blockade, forced expulsion of citizens, constituting a blatant violation of international law and relevant United Nations resolutions; and **holds** Israel, the occupying power, fully responsible for all the massive loss of life, humanitarian suffering, material damages, economic losses and the destruction of property and infrastructure;

2. **Calls** on the Security Council to assume its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security, to implement its relevant resolutions, including resolution 2735 imposing immediate, comprehensive and sustainable ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, to prevent attempts to spread the war to the West Bank, including the occupied Al-Quds, and to ensure compliance with the cautionary injunctions issued by the International Court of Justice on the crime of genocide and its advisory opinion issued on 19 July 2024 on the illegality of the Israeli occupation;
3. **Appreciates and supports** the efforts of the joint Arab-Islamic ministerial committee chaired by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its members to awaken the responsibility of the international community in order in order to achieve an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, to prevent forced displacement, provide international protection and justice for the Palestinian people, to mobilize support for UNRWA and implement the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the illegality of the occupation and settlement and the imperative of ending it, to expand recognition of the State of Palestine and support its right to full membership in the United Nations and to implement the two-state solution.
4. **Reiterates** that the City of Al-Quds Al-Shareef, the capital of the State of Palestine, is an integral part of the Palestinian territory occupied in 1967 and rejects any measures or resolutions aimed at altering its geographical or demographic character and any attempts to impose so-called Israeli sovereignty on this city and its holy sites. **Underlines** the need to preserve the existing historical and legal status in the holy sites, particularly the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque considering it, as it is, the exclusive place of worship for Muslims.
5. **Welcomes** resolution ES/10/24 adopted by the General Assembly on 18 September 2024 which adopted the outcomes of the legal opinion of the

International Court of Justice on the illegality of the Israeli occupation; **Mandates** the Arab and Islamic groups to coordinate and follow up on efforts with the United Nations Secretary-General, international organizations and states to take all necessary steps to implement the resolution, including by creating such mechanisms as an international mechanism for reparations, imposition of weapons ban, ending all other commercial dealings that may harm Palestinians, implementing sanctions, including travel ban, freezing assets of natural and legal persons engaged in maintaining Israel's illegal presences in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including settlers' terrorism, ensuring accountability for the victims and holding an international conference to implement United Nations resolutions to implement the two-state vision.

6. **Calls** for working with Switzerland to expedite the convening of the conference of high-level contracting parties to the fourth Geneva Convention, to take necessary measures to enforce the Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, to ensure the compliance of the occupying state of Israel and its respect for, and implementation of, the provisions of the Convention, and holding it accountable for all its recurring violations of international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories;
7. **Affirms** the need to respect and maintain the territorial unity, contiguity and integrity of the entire land of the occupied Palestinian state, including East Jerusalem; **calls** on all States, the United Nations, its agencies and specialized organizations as well as regional organizations to take all necessary measures to ensure full implementation of all relevant United Nations resolutions, including the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on ending the Israeli occupation and settlement on the State of Palestine's land and enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their rights to self-determination.
8. **Warns** against the continued impunity of Israel, the occupying power; **affirms** the need to ensure its accountability for all the crimes through national and international judicial investigation and prosecution; **supports** the legal track pursued by the State of Palestine at the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice; **calls** on the International Criminal Court, in this regard, to speedily conclude its investigation into the war crimes and crimes against humanity that were

and continue to be perpetrated by officials of the Israeli colonial occupation government against the defenseless Palestinian people and to bring the criminals to international justice;

9. **Strongly condemns** the Illegal Israeli occupation's measures aimed at undermining the role of UNRWA and targeting its staff, facilities and presence; **underlines** the need for UNRWA to continue its role and responsibilities which represent maximum political and humanitarian priority and constitute an element of stability in the region; **and calls** for the provision of lasting support to UNRWA to enable it continue providing essential services to Palestinian refugees, especially in the light of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip;
10. **Underlines** the need to continue to work with states, in particular the Member States of the Security Council to take irrevocable positive steps to protect the rights of the Palestinian people, including through recognition of the State of Palestine and supporting its right to obtain full membership in the United Nations, pursuant to General Assembly resolution ES 10/24 and to expedite the convening of an international conference to end the illegal Israeli occupation, realize the two-state vision and the independence of the State of Palestine on the borders of 4 June 1967, with Al-Quds as its capital, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions, including the Arab Peace Initiative.
11. **Appreciates and supports** the decision of H.E. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine to head to the Gaza Strip together with members of the Palestinian leadership in order to put a stop to the brutal Israeli aggression and to ensure the territorial unity of the Palestinian territory, the sovereignty of the Palestinian people over their land, and to regain national unity under the umbrella of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the legal and only representative of the Palestinian people.
12. **Calls** for providing all forms of political and diplomatic support to the Palestinian people and the State of Palestine, as well as achieving Palestinian national unity, enabling it to effectively assume its responsibilities over the entire occupied Palestinian territories, including the Gaza Strip, and uniting it with the West Bank, and the city of Jerusalem; **calls** for supporting the Palestinian people and the State of Palestine economically, along with its programs and efforts in humanitarian relief,

economic recovery, and the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip; **emphasizes** the importance of continuing support for the State of Palestine's budget and activating a transparent financial safety network in accordance with agreed-upon mechanisms, **and urges** the international community to compel the Israeli occupying authority to immediately and fully release the withheld Palestinian tax revenues.

13. **Expresses** deep regret over the passive voting pattern of some states on the draft resolutions relating to the rights of the Palestinian people at the United Nations. **Mandates** the missions of the OIC Member States and the League of Arab States and the ambassadors of the Arab and Islamic groups in states capitals and organizations accredited to them to act towards implementation of the elements of this communique, to forge solidarity with the Palestinian people and support their legitimate rights and confront the Israeli occupation's policies at all international fora.

14. **Expresses** its condemnation of the Israeli aggression against Lebanon, **affirms** its full solidarity with the government and people of Lebanon, **praises** the national role played by the Lebanese army in maintaining stability and civil peace, **supports** the efforts made to extend the sovereignty of the Lebanese state up to the internationally recognized borders, and **holds** the Israeli entity responsible for this dangerous escalation that threatens its security and stability.

15. **Calls** on the Security Council to establish sustainable stability in southern Lebanon through the full implementation of its relevant resolutions, including resolution 1701 by putting a final end to the Israeli occupation's ongoing violations of international law, and its constant threats to the country as well as to its civilian population, facilities and infrastructure, **welcomes** the statement issued on September 25, 2024 by the United States of America and France, which is supported by sisterly Arab countries and friendly countries, **and requests** that all necessary measures be taken for its implementation.

16. **Strongly condemns** the escalating brutal Israeli aggression against the Syrian Arab Republic, including the targeting of hundreds of civilians, the destruction of civilian buildings and infrastructure, and the violation of its sovereignty, which constitute crimes and serious violations of international law, and **stresses** the need to end the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Arab Golan in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

17. **Mandates** the Secretaries-General of the League of Arab States and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to coordinate to follow up on the implementation of the present Communiqué.