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At the gracious invitation of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Iraq, Dr. Abdul Latif Jamal Rashid, and His Excellency the Prime Minister, Eng. Mohammed Shia Al Sudani, Their Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses—the leaders of the Arab States—convened the 34th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Summit Level—the Baghdad Summit—on May 17, 2025, in Baghdad, the City of Peace in the Republic of Iraq, reaffirming the shared destiny and the fraternal, historical bonds that unite all Arab States,

Believing in the principles of the Charter of the League of Arab States, which unite us all under the principle of a shared destiny, driven by a sincere desire to achieve stability and prosperity for our Arab nation, and in response to the challenges confronting the Arab nation given the current regional and international transformations,

Believing in the importance of joint Arab action to achieve the security and stability of Arab States and foster cooperation and integration across all fields, and emphasizing the necessity of adopting a unified strategic vision to confront the challenges facing our region,

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Reaffirming the ties of brotherhood and shared destiny among our States in light of the substantial economic and human potential of the nation, committing to the principles of good neighborhood, non-interference in internal affairs, and the peaceful resolution of disputes to achieve stability in our region, and enhancing cooperation across all domains to forge a secure and prosperous future that fulfills our objectives and aspirations,

And based on a firm commitment to the values of tolerance and mutual respect among nations and peoples, driven by a firm conviction in the importance of dialogue and understanding between religions, cultures, and civilizations as a means of fostering human rapprochement, and asserting support for international peace and security, and for strengthening cooperation in service of the advancement and prosperity of humanity,

First: We, the leaders of the Arab States, convening within the framework of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Summit Level,

1. *Express gratitude and appreciation* for the efforts exerted by the Kingdom of Bahrain during its presidency of the 33rd Arab Summit, and for its endeavors to unify efforts, support joint Arab action, and protect the interests of the Arab States; *and further express gratitude and appreciation* for the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt in hosting the Emergency Arab Summit in Cairo on March 4, 2025 to address the grave and consequential developments in the Gaza Strip and the occupied Arab territories in Palestine;

- The Palestinian cause

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2. *Affirm* the centrality of the Palestinian cause as the cause of the Arab nation and the cornerstone of stability in the region, and unequivocal support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to freedom, self-determination, the establishment of an independent and fully sovereign State of Palestine, the right of return, and compensation for Palestinian refugees and expatriates; *and condemn* all illegal measures and practices by the Israeli aggression, as the occupying Power, which target the brotherly Palestinian people and deprive them of their right to freedom, life, and human dignity as guaranteed by divine law and international legal instruments;

3. *Demand* the immediate cessation of the Israeli aggression against Gaza and the halting of all hostile actions that exacerbate the suffering of innocent civilians; *and urge* the international community, in particular the influential States, to assume their moral and legal responsibilities by taking a forceful stance to halt the bloodshed and ensure the unimpeded delivery of urgent humanitarian aid to all areas in need in Gaza;

4. *Call upon* all States to provide political, financial, and legal support for the Joint Arab-Islamic Plan adopted at the Arab Summit held on March 4, 2025 in Cairo, and by the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on March 7, 2025 in Jeddah, concerning the recovery and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip within the framework of a political process that leads to the realization of the independence of the State of Palestine, guarantees the natural right of the Palestinian people to their land, prevents their displacement, and enables them to exercise all their legitimate rights; *urge* all States and international and regional financing institutions to expedite the provision of necessary funding to implement the plan; *and welcome* the proposals and initiatives submitted by Arab States to establish a reconstruction fund for Gaza, foremost among them the call made by Iraqi Prime Minister Engineer Mohammed Shia

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Al Sudani at the Emergency Arab Summit in Cairo in 2023 and the Arab-Islamic Summit in Saudi Arabia in 2024 to establish an Arab-Islamic fund for the reconstruction of Gaza and Lebanon;

5. *Emphasize* the importance of joint coordination to exert pressure to open all crossings to allow the entry of humanitarian aid into all Palestinian territories, to enable United Nations agencies, particularly the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to operate within the Palestinian territories, and to provide international support that enables these agencies to fulfill their mandates and resume their missions;

6. *Welcome* the establishment of an open-membership working group to follow up on the establishment of a fund, in cooperation with the United Nations, to care for approximately 40,000 Gazan orphans, offer aid, and provide prosthetic limbs to thousands of injured persons, particularly child amputees; *commend*, in this context, the “Certificate of Hope” initiative launched by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to support amputees in the Gaza Strip; *and encourage* all States and organizations to initiate similar efforts to support relief efforts in Gaza’s health sector;

7. *Reiterate* our unwavering rejection of all forms of expulsion or displacement of the Palestinian people from their land, under any pretext, circumstance, or justification, considering such actions a grave violation of the principles of international law and international humanitarian law, a crime against humanity, and an act of ethnic cleansing; *and condemn* the policies of starvation and scorched-earth aimed at forcing the Palestinian people out of their land;

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8. *Reiterate* our persistent position calling for a peaceful, just, and comprehensive settlement of the question of Palestine; *support* the call of His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, to convene an international peace conference and take irreversible steps toward the implementation of the two-state solution, according to the Arab Peace Initiative and relevant resolutions of international legitimacy, including the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine within the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, accepting its membership in the United Nations as an independent, fully sovereign State, and guaranteeing the restoration of all legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, particularly the rights of return and self-determination; *support*, in this context, the efforts to convene a high-level international conference to implement the two-state solution and realize the independence of the State of Palestine according to international references, co-chaired by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the French Republic at the United Nations headquarters in June 2025; *call for* the deployment of protection forces for the Palestinian people and of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the occupied Palestinian territory until the two-state solution is implemented in accordance with the international references of the peace process; *demand* the Security Council to take the necessary measures to implement the two-state solution within the scope of its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security; *and stress* the importance of setting a timeline for this process;

9. *Support* the vision of His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, regarding the importance of achieving national unity on the basis of adherence to the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, its political platform, and its international commitments, in accordance with the principle of one authority, one law, and one legitimate weapon, and empowering the Government of the State of Palestine to assume the responsibilities of governance in the Gaza Strip within the

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framework of the political and geographical unity of the Palestinian territory occupied in 1967; *reaffirm* that the democratic path and recourse to the ballot box remain the only means to respect the will of the people in choosing their representatives through general, presidential and legislative, elections to be held within one year in all Palestinian territory, in Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem; *and call* for the creation of the appropriate conditions to ensure their conduct;

10. *Welcome* the United Nations General Assembly resolution at its meeting on May 10, 2024 regarding the request of the State of Palestine for full membership in the United Nations, supported by 143 Member States; *call upon* the United Nations Security Council to reconsider its resolution taken in this regard at its session on April 18, 2024; *request* the Council to act with fairness and support the rights of the Palestinian people to life, freedom, and human dignity, and to work to implement its relevant resolutions concerning the question of Palestine and the occupied Arab territories; *and value* the efforts of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, in its capacity as the current non-permanent Arab member of the Security Council, in defending Arab causes, particularly the Palestinian cause, halting the Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip, securing a ceasefire, and advocating for the State of Palestine to obtain full membership in the United Nations;

11. *Support* the continuous Qatari-Egyptian joint mediation efforts aimed at achieving a ceasefire and ending the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the occupied State of Palestine;

12. *Demand* the international community to implement the United Nations Security Council resolutions adopted since the onset of the aggression on the Gaza Strip in October 2023,

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including Resolution 2720; *and call upon* the international community, in this context, to fulfill its legal obligations immediately and take resolute measures to end the Israeli occupation and aggression in all occupied Arab territories, including the Syrian Golan and southern Lebanon, and to implement all relevant Security Council resolutions;

13. *Emphasize* the sanctity of the occupied city of Jerusalem and its status in the three monotheistic religions; *condemn* all acts of Israeli aggression aimed at Judaizing the city, altering its Arab Islamic and Christian identity, and undermining the historical and legal status quo of its holy sites; *stress* the necessity of providing protection for the holy sites in Bethlehem and preserving their cultural and religious identity; *reaffirm support for* the Hashemite Custodianship of the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, exercised by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and its role in preserving the Arab, Islamic, and Christian character of the city; *and assert* that Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif, encompassing its full area of 144 dunams, is a place of worship exclusively for Muslims; *and assert support* for the role of the Al-Quds Committee and the Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency, chaired by His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco;

14. *Call for* concerted international efforts, including by States and international organizations, to oblige the Israeli aggression, the occupying Power, to end its illegal occupation of Palestinian territory along the lines of June 4, 1967, eliminate all its repercussions, promptly provide compensation for the damages incurred, implement all provisions of the Advisory Opinion issued by the International Court of Justice on July 17, 2024, and implement the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/24 of September 18, 2024, which adopted the outcomes of the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice;

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15. *Commend* the honorable positions of the Republic of South Africa in its support for the Palestinian cause and people; *and express full support, appreciation, and endorsement* of the legal action brought by South Africa against the Israeli aggression, the occupying Power, before the International Court of Justice on charges of committing genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip;

16. *Welcome* the continuous efforts of the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, launched in New York in September 2024 by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in its capacity as Chair of the Arab-Islamic Committee established by the Joint Summit on Gaza, together with the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union, and the hosting of the Alliance's meetings by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the Kingdom of Morocco, in cooperation with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the European Union, and the Kingdom of Norway;

17. *Support* the persistent diplomatic efforts of the Ministerial Committee established by the Joint Arab-Islamic Summit on Gaza urging an immediate ceasefire, allowing the entry of humanitarian aid to all areas of the Gaza Strip, and initiating practical steps to implement the two-state solution;

18. *Value* the positions of the European countries—Spain, Norway, and Ireland—that recognized the State of Palestine in May 2024; *and urge* other States to follow suit and to recognize that history will record these positions and that humanitarian values and legal legislation will ultimately uphold the Palestinian people's inherent right to self-determination and sovereignty over their land;

- The situation in the Arab world

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19. *Reaffirm* respect for the choices of the Syrian people—in all their diversity—and their commitment to the security and stability of the Syrian Arab Republic which reflect on the security and stability of the region; *support* the unity of Syrian territory; *reject* all forms of interference in Syrian affairs; *condemn* the continued Israeli attacks on Syrian territories, violations of its sovereignty, and attempts to undermine and destroy its national capabilities; *call upon* the international community and the Security Council to exert pressure to cease these attacks and uphold the sovereignty of States; *emphasize* the necessity of advancing a comprehensive transitional political process that preserves diversity and societal peace while respecting the beliefs and sanctities of all segments of the Syrian people; *affirm* that re-building Syria is impeded in all aspects by economic and financial sanctions; *welcome*, in this context, the announcement by the President of the United States Donald Trump on May 13, 2025 lifting sanctions on the Syrian Arab Republic; *extend appreciation* to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its efforts in supporting Syria's position in this regard; *and welcome* the easing of European sanctions on Syria, which contributes to accelerating recovery and reconstruction and to establishing the necessary conditions for the voluntary, dignified, and safe return of Syrian refugees and internally displaced persons to their original areas; *and call for* the convening of an inclusive national dialogue conference involving all segments of the Syrian people;

20. *Reaffirm* our permanent support for the Lebanese Republic in confronting challenges, safeguarding its security, stability, and territorial integrity, and protecting its internationally recognized borders from any aggression or violation of sovereignty, and in the implementation of essential economic reforms; *emphasize* the necessity of implementing all provisions of the cessation of hostilities arrangements and commitment to Security Council Resolution 1701 with all its provisions; *condemn* the violation of these arrangements and this resolution by the Israeli aggression; *demand* Israel's full, immediate, and unconditional withdrawal from

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Lebanon to the internationally recognized borders, the release of prisoners held in the recent war, and renewing commitment to the 1949 Armistice Agreement; *express solidarity* with the Lebanese Republic in its efforts to preserve its security, stability, and sovereignty; *and support* Lebanon's efforts to ensure the return of displaced Syrians to their homeland;

21. *Reaffirm* unwavering support for the Presidential Leadership Council of the Republic of Yemen, chaired by His Excellency Dr. Rashad Mohammed Al-Alimi; *support* the efforts of the Yemeni government to achieve national reconciliation among all components of the Yemeni people and to foster national unity, which contribute to enhancing security and stability in Yemen; *and assert support for* United Nations and regional efforts aimed at reaching a comprehensive political solution to the Yemeni crisis based on the internationally agreed-upon references—namely, the Gulf Initiative and its implementation mechanisms, the outcomes of the Comprehensive National Dialogue Conference, and UN Security Council Resolution 2216—in a manner that fulfills the legitimate aspirations of the brotherly Yemeni people for peace, stability, development, and prosperity;

22. *Affirm solidarity* with the Republic of Sudan and its brotherly people in their efforts to safeguard their resources, protect their land and vital infrastructure, preserve Sudan's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, reject interference in its affairs, uphold national institutions and prevent their collapse by forming an independent, elected civilian government; *call upon* Member States and relevant Arab organizations to extend urgent humanitarian aid to Sudan and its brotherly people, rehabilitate affected facilities, increase regional and international responses that enhance Sudan's resilience against threats to its unity and enable it to overcome the catastrophic repercussions endured by its brotherly people, and consider the resumption of the Jeddah Track (3) as a means to reach sustainable peaceful

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solutions; *and urge* the Arab Contact Group—comprising the foreign ministers of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States—to persist in their constructive efforts to secure solutions that meet Sudanese aspirations for stability and development;

23. *Reaffirm* full support for the State of Libya and for resolving its crisis through national dialogue that preserves the unity of the State and fulfills the aspirations of its people and enduring stability; *reject* all forms of interference in Libya’s internal affairs; *express full commitment* to Libya’s sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, the halting of interference in its internal affairs, and the exit of all foreign forces and mercenaries from its territories within a defined timeframe; *call upon* the Libyan House of Representatives and the High Council of State to promptly reach consensus on electoral legislation that fulfills the Libyan people’s demand for simultaneous parliamentary and presidential elections and brings an end to the transitional phase; *urge* all parties in Libya to continue the political process and advance national reconciliation in a way that protects the supreme interests of the State of Libya and achieves peace, stability, and prosperity for its people; *and commend* the efforts of Libya’s neighboring countries, the League of Arab States, the United Nations, and the African Union to bring the views of the Libyan parties closer to ensure the unity of Libya and to reach a political settlement for the crisis in Libya;

24. *Affirm* support for the Federal Republic of Somalia, its territorial integrity, and for establishing the foundations of security and stability through the contribution of Arab States in enhancing its capacities to respond to the challenges it faces at the current stage; *support* its sustainable development efforts; *denounce* all terrorist activities; *and condemn* the attempted

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assassination of the President of the Republic of Somalia, His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, in March 2025;

25. *Assert* the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands: Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa; *and call upon* the Islamic Republic of Iran to respond positively to the initiative of the United Arab Emirates to resolve this issue peacefully, either through direct negotiations or by resorting to the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, to build confidence and promote security and stability in the Arabian Gulf region;

- Joint Arab action to confront challenges

26. *Emphasize* the imperative of establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone and a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, in accordance with the agreed-upon terms of reference and the United Nations General Assembly Decision 73/546—the conference on establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone and a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East; *and call on* all concerned parties to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which is the cornerstone of the international system for preventing the spread of these weapons;

27. *Emphasize* that water security is an essential pillar of Arab national security; *underscore*, in this regard, the importance of supporting the efforts of the Republic of Iraq, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Sudan, and the Syrian Arab Republic to guarantee their legitimate water rights; *and express solidarity* with these States in their pursuit of just and equitable solutions through dialogue and constructive cooperation that ensures shared benefits and prevents any potential harm to their water rights;

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28. *Stress* the importance of joint efforts to strengthen collective Arab capacities to address current development challenges, foremost among them food security, health security, energy security, and climate change, and of the imperative to develop cooperation mechanisms to institutionalize Arab action in these fields;

- Combating terrorism

29. *Reaffirm* our unwavering position in condemning all forms and patterns of terrorism and its associated ideologies, as well as the terrorist acts and activities perpetrated by terrorist gangs, particularly Daesh, Al-Qaeda, and affiliated groups and individuals, that pose a grave threat to the Arab region as a whole, in addition to organized crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and money laundering; *and stress* that the persistence of terrorism in all its forms and its associated threats constitute a grave threat to societal peace and undermine regional security and stability, which requires an effective and comprehensive collective response, both military and civilian, to combat terrorism and dry its sources within a framework of enhanced joint Arab cooperation through coordinating Arab, regional, and international efforts and fortifying the capacities of counter-terrorism institutions in Arab States;

30. *Welcome* the efforts of the government of the brotherly Republic of Iraq in combating terrorism and terrorist threats; *highly appreciate* the sacrifices made by the Iraqi people and army and its military and security forces; *laud* the Iraqi government's decision to establish the "National Center for Combating Terrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism Leading to Terrorism" as a constructive step in developing national mechanisms; *commend* similar centers in Arab States; *and call for* adopting similar measures to establish these specialized centers, promoting collective and bilateral cooperation in this regard, exchange of expertise, joint

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planning, and unifying efforts in cooperation with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office and Center, established with support by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

31. *Call for* the activation of deterrent measures to combat hate speech, extremism, and incitement, given their negative impact on societal peace and the sustainability of international security and peace, according to resolutions issued by the League of Arab States and the UN Security Council; *call upon* all States to foster the values of tolerance, peaceful coexistence, and human fraternity, to renounce hatred, sectarianism, bigotry, discrimination, and extremism in all their forms, and to address the root causes of terrorism; *and call for* the prohibition of violent extremism, all forms of financing, incitement, planning, and recruitment, the denial of safe havens to terrorists, the prevention of the movement of foreign terrorists, and the coordination of efforts to ensure their complete and immediate expulsion from the region;

32. *Welcome* the announcement by the Government of the Republic of Iraq, in its capacity as co-chair of the International Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism, to host the next International Conference on Victims of Terrorism in Baghdad in 2026; *and reaffirm* full support for the rights of victims of terrorism, their efforts to have their voices heard, and the provision of necessary support for their recovery and the building of a better future;

33. *Underscore* the importance of strengthening cybersecurity through joint Arab action to safeguard digital infrastructure and data, and to confront emerging cyber threats through the development of unified Arab cybersecurity strategies to ensure a safe digital space that supports comprehensive development; *express appreciation*, in this context, to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's initiative to establish the Council of Arab Cybersecurity Ministers in Riyadh; *and welcome* the UN Security Council's adoption on January 10, 2025 of the initiative by the

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People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, concerning the Algeria Guiding Principles on the prevention, detection, and disruption of new and emerging financial technologies for terrorist purposes, during its presidency of the Council in January 2025;

- Regional and international situations

34. *Express sincere condolences* on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis Jorge Mario on April 21, 2025, recalling His Holiness' efforts and humanitarian role in promoting values of world peace and interfaith dialogue and his work to end the bloodshed war in Gaza, considering it a defeat for humanity; *and simultaneously extend congratulations and welcome* to Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost on his election as head of the Catholic Church, wishing him success in advancing the values of human fraternity for the sake of global peace and coexistence;

35. *Emphasize* that the escalating tensions on the international scene reflect a retreat from diplomacy and an increasing use of force in resolving disputes and conflicts, thereby jeopardizing the prospects for fair and just solutions; *assert* the urgent need for sustainable resolutions in the region through dialogue, diplomacy, and good offices; *welcome*, in this regard, the talks between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States of America to reach positive outcomes in the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and to ensure that uranium enrichment levels remain within the limits required for such purposes; *value* the role of the brotherly Sultanate of Oman in these talks; *and welcome* the Sultanate of Oman's diplomatic efforts to mediate with the United States a peace agreement in Yemen with a view to ending tensions, facilitating maritime navigation in the Red Sea – these efforts that align with the Republic of Iraq's principled position in support of constructive dialogue and peaceful solutions to regional crises, consistent with its foreign policy aimed at enhancing peace and

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stability in the region, and contributing to achieving mutual understanding and the adoption of dialogue as an effective tool for conflict resolution;

36. *Reaffirm* commitment to close cooperation with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and to upholding the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, with the aim of preserving international peace and security and confronting global challenges, including the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, protecting the environment, human rights, poverty, water and food security, renewable energy, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Second: We, the leaders of the Arab States, convening within the framework of the Fifth Arab Development, Economic and Social Summit,

Welcoming the hosting by the Republic of Iraq of the Fifth Arab Development, Economic and Social Summit, held with the participation of Their Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses, on Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Baghdad, in affirmation of the steadfast commitment to advancing joint Arab development efforts, reinforcing Arab solidarity, and realizing economic and social integration among the Arab States,

Emphasizing the provisions contained in the 2019 Beirut Declaration, based on the report of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States on joint Arab economic, social, and development action, reviewing the follow-up report on the implementation of the resolutions of the 2019 Beirut Summit on development and the economic progress achieved notwithstanding the ongoing challenges confronting Arab States, recognizing the gravity of the threats

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surrounding our region, and seeking to foster a comprehensive development environment that promotes stability and aligns with the regional and international transformations,

1. *Value* the report of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States on joint Arab economic, social, and development action; *and express appreciation* for its realistic assessment and comprehensive outlook;
2. *Appreciate* the efforts of the General Secretariat in following up on the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the fourth session of the Beirut Summit in 2019; *and call for* the continuation of periodic assessments of the resolutions issued by previous development summits;
3. *Commend* the initiative of His Excellency President Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, regarding the Blue Economy as a strategic approach to achieving food and energy security and ensuring the sustainability of Arab marine resources;
4. *Welcome* the Arab Artificial Intelligence Initiative presented by His Excellency the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States; *encourage* the adoption of artificial intelligence technologies as a means to promote comprehensive development and build Arab knowledge-based societies; *support* the Kingdom of Bahrain's call, in the address delivered by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to adopt an international treaty regulating and governing the development of artificial intelligence to ensure its contribution to global peace; *and express gratitude* to the Republic of Iraq for its proposal to establish an Arab Center for Artificial Intelligence in Baghdad, which is

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hereby referred to His Excellency the Secretary-General as the proponent of the aforementioned initiative;

5. *Commend* the Republic of Iraq's initiative on "The Arab Economic Reform Pact for the Next Decade" as a guiding framework; *and call on* Arab States willing to participate to actively contribute to achieving the objectives of the initiative;

6. *Express appreciation* to the Republic of Iraq for its proposal to establish a Council of Arab Trade Ministers as an institutional framework to enhance trade coordination among our States and accelerate Arab economic integration; *and task* the General Secretariat of the League with coordinating with the Republic of Iraq to take the necessary measures and submit the proposal to the Economic and Social Council at its next session;

7. *Commend* the initiative of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the field of disease control, particularly the "Egypt's Path to the Elimination of Viral Hepatitis C" initiative, as a model to be emulated in the region; *call for* the exchange of expertise and benefiting from this successful experience; *and renew support for* the nomination of Dr. Khaled El-Enany as the Arab candidate for the position of Director-General of UNESCO;

8. *Commend* the role of the United Arab Emirates in the Arab Hope Makers and Better Future initiatives; *and assert* that such initiatives constitute an inspiring model for development and humanitarian work in the Arab world;

9. *Support* the project to advance Arab leadership in space exploration through the Bahraini satellite "Al-Mundhir"; *and encourage* the integration of Arab efforts in the fields of space science, research, and modern technologies;

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10. *Endorse* the Arab Food Security Strategy for the period 2025–2035; *and call for* the mobilization of efforts and resources to implement the strategy in order to achieve Arab food security and face current and future challenges;

11. *Call for support* for the Plan of Development Needs and infrastructure projects in the Republic of Yemen; *and underscore* the importance of backing recovery and reconstruction efforts in Yemen;

12. *Call for support* for development projects submitted by the Republic of Sudan; *and urge* their expedited implementation within the framework of the reconstruction phase to ensure Sudan's full integration into the Arab development system;

13. *Approve* the project aimed at supporting and sheltering families displaced by Israeli aggression within the Palestinian territory; *condemn* attempts to displace the Palestinian people; *and reaffirm* their right of return and their right to live in dignity on their land;

14. *Emphasize* the importance of developing the Greater Arab Free Trade Area and fulfilling the prerequisites for establishing the Arab Customs Union; *and call for* the removal of all obstacles hindering the realization of this strategic objective;

15. *Welcome* the solar power plant project benefiting subscribers in Palestinian refugee camps, recognizing its positive impact on improving the living conditions of refugees and reducing reliance on traditional energy sources;

16. *Call for* the lifting of sanctions imposed on the energy and electricity sector in the Syrian Arab Republic, due to their negative impacts on the livelihoods of Syrian citizens and national development efforts;

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17. *Welcome* the adoption of the Executive Plan for the Arab Water Security Strategy 2030 as a guiding framework; *and urge* the adoption of effective policies for the equitable and sustainable management of water resources;

18. *Commend* the Republic of Iraq's proposal for the Arab Initiative for Achieving Food Security in Grains as a contribution to food security and the development and implementation of practical and sustainable measures to ensure just and sustainable access to water and food for future generations;

19. *Value* the project on the identification and development of small ruminants in the Arab region; *and encourage* investment in this field as a means to enhance food security and improve the living standards of farmers;

20. *Underscore* the importance of investing in human health resources; *and call for* strengthened support and training for health professionals to ensure preparedness in addressing health emergencies and future challenges;

21. *Welcome* the adoption of the comprehensive development plan for the technical and vocational education system in Arab States, as a guiding framework; *and recognize* it as a central pillar for achieving economic and social development and reducing youth unemployment;

22. *Agree* to the formulation of an Arab strategy for the development of school and university health; *and call for* the establishment of a healthy educational environment that fosters the psychological and physical health of students;

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23. *Endorse* the Regional Strategic Framework for the Economic and Social Empowerment of Arab Women; *approve* its attached executive action plan; *and call for* enhanced participation of women in development strategies;

24. *Call for* a unified and integrated Arab preparation for the Second World Conference on Social Development, to reflect the region's development priorities and strengthen international cooperation;

25. *Welcome* the Declaration of Principles on "The Future of Human Resources in light of the Technological Revolution"; *and call for* the development of education and training policies aligned with digital transformation and labor market demands;

26. *Welcome* the adoption of the updated Arab Strategy for Workforce Development and Employment as a guiding document; *and reaffirm commitment* to active labor market policies that ensure decent work and inclusive growth;

27. *Welcome and approve* the guiding document titled "Arab Vision 2005: Achieving Hope through Thought, Will, and Action" as a strategic and intellectual foundation for advancing Arab development action into the future;

28. *Emphasize* the importance of sustainable financing in the Arab region; *and call for* the establishment of innovative financing mechanisms to support strategic initiatives and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

29. *Welcome* the convening of the Arab Youth Forum and the Civil Society Forum; *and commend* the efforts undertaken therein as effective platforms contributing to building

authentic societal partnerships that enhance the role of youth and civil society in shaping the future of Arab development;

30. *Welcome* the adoption of the executive action plan for the Arab Strategy for Youth, Peace, and Security (2023–2028) and the creation of a supportive environment that promotes youth participation out of the belief in their role in building the future;

In conclusion:

Express appreciation to the Republic of Iraq for hosting the two summits: the League Council at the Summit Level, and the Fifth Session of the Development, Economic and Social Summit; *commend* the progress made by Iraq in its economic development process, which contributes to the prosperity of the Arab region and the strengthening of joint Arab economic action, and show Iraq's keenness and interest in developing the horizons of joint Arab cooperation in various fields; *and appreciate* its contributions, initiatives, and efforts to achieve a qualitative shift in the path of joint Arab action, particularly in the following areas:

1. *Launching* the Arab Initiative for Humanitarian and Development Support, based on the principles of Arab solidarity, fraternity, and mutual support in times of crisis, in view of the current circumstances in a number of Arab States, including the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Yemen, the Republic of the Sudan, the State of Libya, and the Lebanese Republic; *and in reaffirmation of* the previous calls made by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq for the establishment of an "Arab Fund to Support Post-Crisis Recovery and Reconstruction Efforts," the Government of the Republic of Iraq announces a

contribution of US \$40 million to **the Fund**, of which US \$20 million shall be allocated to support humanitarian efforts and reconstruction in the Gaza Strip, and US \$20 million to support reconstruction efforts in the Lebanese Republic;

2. *Launching* the Arab Initiative titled **The Arab Pact in Support of the Syrian People**, aimed at supporting the establishment of a comprehensive political transitional process in Syria that guarantees the rights of all segments of the Syrian people, ensures the protection and respect of human rights principles, and seeks to build a democratic constitutional system that secures the political, economic, and social rights of the Syrian people, as well as supporting the convening of an international conference to mobilize global support for the reconstruction process in Syria and to advance efforts to ensure the safe, voluntary, dignified, and organized return of Syrian refugees and displaced people;
3. *Welcoming* the invitation extended by the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the Arab States to participate in the **Development Road Project**, as an Arab strategic and development project in the region that will contribute to enhancing Arab economic integration and sustainable development, while creating opportunities to connect the Arab States with one another and with European markets;
4. *Welcoming* the invitation of the Republic of Iraq to **form an open-membership higher ministerial committee** comprising the Republic of Iraq, Chair of the current session, the Kingdom of Bahrain, Chair of the previous session, His Excellency the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and Arab States wishing to join the committee, which shall be entrusted with converging viewpoints between the Arab brothers to resolve differences and promote reconciliation;

5. *Launching* the initiative titled **The Arab Economic Reform Pact for the Next Decade**, aimed at building a dynamic and competitive integrated Arab economic space, reinforcing economic integration among Arab Member States, emphasizing the importance of achieving comprehensive and sustainable economic growth that incorporates social and environmental dimensions, ensures the equitable distribution of opportunities and wealth, and highlights the significance of fostering partnerships between the public and private sectors as a cornerstone for achieving sustainable development and implementing strategic projects;
6. *Launching* the **Arab Initiative for Achieving Food Security in Grains**, aimed at strengthening food security in the Arab region through the development of integrated agricultural and water policies supported by scientific studies and research, and the formulation and implementation of practical and sustainable measures to ensure equitable and enduring access to water and food for future generations;
7. *Calling for* the establishment of a **Joint Arab Mechanism for Evaluating Development Performance** in the fields of economic and social development indicators, with the objective of enhancing mechanisms for the follow-up and implementation of summit resolutions, consolidating Arab partnerships, activating development funds and mechanisms, expanding opportunities for women and youth, and ensuring the welfare of children, with these human resources being our most valuable assets for the future;
8. *Launching* **initiatives in the field of artificial intelligence**, in integration with the initiative of His Excellency the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States in this field, with the objective of strengthening Arab cooperation and joint action to address technological

challenges, keep pace with advancements, and harness scientific progress to achieve prosperity and the safe use of technology for our Arab societies, in accordance with our customs and traditions, particularly focusing on the ethics and policies governing the use of artificial intelligence, through the following mechanisms:

- A. Establishing the Arab Center for Artificial Intelligence, to be hosted in Baghdad,
- B. Establishing the Arab Initiative for Scientific Research in Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technologies;

9. *Launching* the initiative titled **Establishing the Arab Alliance for the Protection of Water Resources**, aimed at enhancing collective efforts to safeguard and sustain water resources in the Arab region in light of the critical water challenges the region faces, manifested in water scarcity, upstream policies, climate change, demographic pressures, and unsustainable water usage; *and emphasizing* the necessity of reaching common understandings regarding the water rights of Arab States, given that water security constitutes an integral component of Arab national security, in light of the pressures endured by water resources in the Arab region as most water resources originate beyond the region's geographical borders;
10. *Launching* the **Baghdad Initiative to Enhance Arab Cooperation in Addressing Environmental Challenges and Climate Change**, meant to address shared Arab realities and challenges in light of climate change, which currently impacts both lifestyles and economic patterns; *and expressing appreciation* to the Republic of Iraq for its desire to share expertise and experiences in the environmental field;

11. *Launching* the **Arab Center for the Protection of the Environment from War**

Remnants initiative, which aims to assist Arab States that endured conflicts and wars in the safe disposal of unexploded military remnants and the removal of mines, thereby enhancing security and safety in the Arab region and positively impacting economic, social, and development dimensions;

12. *Advancing* efforts to establish the **Arab Center for Combating Terrorism and**

Preventing Violent Extremism in Baghdad to coordinate counterterrorism and violent extremism prevention efforts in support of joint Arab action; *and expressing readiness to* allocate US \$5 million to support efforts to establish the center and its operational functions;

13. *Launching* the **Joint Arab Security Coordination Room** initiative pursuant to Article 3 of the Joint Defense and Economic Cooperation Treaty between States of the League of Arab States, to formulate a coordinated policy among Arab States concerning the prevailing regional security situation, combat terrorism, strengthen military security capabilities, and exchange pertinent intelligence;

14. *Launching* **initiatives in the security field to combat drug trafficking and transnational organized crime** in a manner that serves Arab security by developing capacities to confront challenges in these fields, which have become increasing threats, according to experiences and lessons learnt, with the matter of developing mechanisms to face these challenges becoming urgent, especially by establishing the following mechanisms:

A. An Arab Coordination Center for Combating Drugs in Baghdad,

B. An Arab Center for Combating Transnational Organized Crime in Baghdad;

15. *Launching the initiative in support of the Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) and the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units*, which focus on the international recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) as a foundational framework to promote financial integrity, strengthen Arab and regional cooperation in combating money laundering, terrorism financing, and the proliferation of weapons, while addressing increasing concern over the risks posed by illicit financial activities to the financial, economic, and security stability of regional States and the world;
16. *Calling for the establishment of the Arab Council for People-to-People and Cultural Communication between Arab States* to promote cultural exchange, reinforce fraternal bonds, and foster mutual understanding among the peoples of Arab States, with the Government of the Republic of Iraq undertaking the implementation of this initiative and providing necessary support to ensure its success during its presidency of the summit;
17. *Launching The Arab Initiative to Provide Safe Haven for Those Affected by Disasters and Risks and to Enhance Arab Housing Security*, aimed at addressing the emergency housing needs of those impacted by disasters and risks, strengthening Arab housing security, and supporting reconstruction in Arab States suffering from conflicts, wars, and disasters, thereby contributing to the provision of housing for displaced persons by establishing a fund to raise donations.

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- **The Republic of Iraq** affirms its support for the paragraphs relating to the Palestinian cause, while placing a reservation on any reference to “the June 4, 1967 borders,” “East

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Jerusalem,” “two-state solution,” or any language—explicit or implicit—recognizing the Israeli entity as a “state,” wherever such references appear. This position is taken in adherence to Iraqi legislation and in reaffirmation of the right of the Palestinian people to establish their state with Holy Jerusalem as its capital.

- **The Republic of Tunisia** affirms its support for the provisions of the Baghdad Declaration, except for references to the “June 4, 1967 borders,” the “two-state solution,” and “East Jerusalem,” in line with Tunisia’s firm position backing the Palestinian people’s struggle to reclaim their legitimate and inalienable rights, foremost of which is the establishment of an independent state over the entirety of Palestine with Holy Jerusalem as its capital.