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**Statement of H.E. Dr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud  
President of the Federal Republic of Somalia on OIC  
Summit**

**Royal Highness, Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin  
Abdulaziz, Crown Prince, Prime Minister and  
Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom  
of Saudi Arabia,**

**Your Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses, the  
Kings and Presidents of the Arab countries,**

**His Excellency the Secretary-General of the  
Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Mr.  
Hissein Brahim Taha**

**His Excellency Ahmed Abul Gheit, Secretary General of  
League of Arab States**

**Your Excellencies and Honorable Heads of Delegations  
participating in the summit,**

**Distinguished guests,**

**Assalamu Aleikum Warahmatullah,**

**Your Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses,**

**Dear brothers,**

Today, I am honored to participate in this extraordinary summit regarding Gaza, which is being held under the severe circumstances that the Palestinian civilians are experiencing in Gaza as we speak.

I convey to you the greetings of the Somali people, whom I have the honor to lead, and who are struggling to achieve stability and development after years of war with a terrorist organization that is the most vicious and most dangerous branch of Al-Qaeda.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, their King, government, and people for generous hospitality and warm welcome accorded to us since our arrival.

**Your Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses,**

What is happening in Gaza contradicts all norms, laws, and the human values, and threatens the security and safety of the region as a whole. This requires a unified stance from us, the Arab world, towards achieving an immediate ceasefire and ensuring the delivery of aid as soon as possible, as well as the release of all hostages.

All of this should be accompanied by a just resolution to the Palestinian issue based on the establishment of a Palestinian state within the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital. This is the only guarantee for the region to transition into a new era characterized by security, stability, and cooperation for the benefit of all.

**I thank you all.**