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Level
on
The ongoing Israeli Aggression
against the Palestinian People

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The Council of the League of Arab States convened an Extraordinary Session at the Permanent Representatives level on 4th July 2023, chaired by the Arab Republic of Egypt, at the headquarters of the League of Arab States, to discuss the ongoing and escalating Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in Palestinian cities, camps and villages, including the brutal Israeli aggression that has been going on since the dawn of yesterday, Monday 3rd July 2023 against the city and camp of Jenin and other areas in the occupied West Bank,

The Council,

Emphasizing the centrality of the Palestinian cause to the entire Arab nation; *supporting* the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, particularly their right to self-determination and the right of Palestine refugees to return or compensation, their right to the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine on the lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, as well as the Palestinian people's legitimate right to self-defense in the face of the Israeli aggression that targets their lives, holy places and properties,

Reaffirming the protection of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque with its entire area of 144,000 square meters, as a place of worship for Muslims only; *rejecting* Israeli incursions into the Mosque, and its Judaizing excavations underneath and attempts to divide it temporally and spatially and alter the historical and legal status status quo; *rejecting* Israeli violations of Islamic and Christian holy places; *affirming* the sovereignty of the State of Palestine over the city of Jerusalem and its holy places; *and supporting* the Hashemite Custodianship over Islamic and Christian holy places in Jerusalem and the role of Jerusalem Committee, as well as the historical and continuous efforts exerted by Egypt to achieve reconciliation based on the Arab mandate, in addition to Algeria's efforts to sign the Palestinian reunification agreement,

Strongly condemning the widespread Israeli aggression and crimes against the Palestinian people, including the aggression against the city and camp of Jenin and other

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Palestinian cities, villages and camps, which targeted civilians, children and women in residential areas,

Expressing full solidarity with the Palestinian people; supporting their resilience in the face of the ongoing and escalating Israeli aggression against them, as well as supporting their legitimate right to self-defense; and extending condolences to the families of the martyrs and victims of this aggression;

- 1- *Decides to make high-level joint and bilateral visits, contacts, and letters to the Security Council, its members, and international decision-making centres, with the aim of implementing relevant international resolutions to end all forms of Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people and provide international protection, including Security Council Resolutions 2334 (2016), 904 (1994), and 605 (1987), and UN General Assembly Resolution 20/10-ES/RES/A (2018) and to hold Israel, the occupying Power, responsible for all the consequences of its aggression; decides further, in case that the Security Council is unable to perform its mandate and assume its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security, to ask the UN General Assembly to hold a resumed session of the tenth Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly, entitled "Uniting for Peace", in order to adopt the necessary resolutions to halt the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, implement the United Nations resolutions concerning international protection for the Palestinian people, and granting the State of Palestine full membership in the United Nations;*
- 2- *Calls for an urgent Arab action, through the open-membership Arab ministerial committee, which has been tasked by the Arab Summit with, inter alia, taking action at the international level to provide international protection for the Palestinian people, in order to initiate an intense Arab diplomatic action, through the councils of Arab ambassadors and League of Arab States missions, as well as through official channels with permanent members of the Security Council and international decision-making centres, to express the Arab position to take the necessary steps to end the Israeli occupation and all of its aggressive policies, practices, and measures against the Palestinian people;*

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- 3- *Calls upon* the International Criminal Court to fulfill its responsibilities under the Rome Statute, upon which the Court was established, regarding the conclusion of the criminal prosecution for war crimes and crimes against humanity that have been, and continue to be, committed by Israel against the defenseless Palestinian people, including the crimes of settlement and annexation, the aggression against cities, villages, and camps, the killing of civilians, journalists and paramedics, and forced displacement; *and calls on* the Court to investigate all options for exercising its jurisdiction in the occupied territory of the State of Palestine, to complete its investigation, and provide all human and material resources for this investigation and to give it due priority;
- 4- *Urges* the international community, States and institutions alike, to engage in the protection of Palestinian civilians and to constitute a practical and effective mechanism for implementing the General Assembly Resolution 20/10-ES/RES/A (2018); *calls on* the United Nations Secretary-General to take tangible and effective measures to protect Palestinian civilians; *and calls upon* the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to assume their responsibilities and to ensure respect for and enforcement of the Convention in the occupied territory of the State of Palestine, including East Jerusalem, through halting Israeli violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law;
- 5- *Calls on* the international community to put pressure on Israel, the occupying Power, to allow the ongoing Independent International Commission of Inquiry, established by the Human Rights Council on 21st May 2021, to enter the occupied territory of the State of Palestine so as to investigate all Israeli crimes and violations committed in the occupied Palestinian territory; *and calls upon* the Commission to follow and record all Israeli violations and crimes within its mandate and to submit reports and recommendations in this regard;
- 6- *Supports* all steps, measures and decisions taken by the Palestinian leadership to confront the ongoing Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people; including the Israeli aggression against the city and camp of Jenin;
- 7- *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of this Resolution to the next Session of the Council of the League;

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8- *Decides to* keep the Council in a permanent session to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution.

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