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The Expanded Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 1 November 2009, corresponding to 13 Dul Qeada 1430H, at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and pursuant to the resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the question of Palestine and Al Quds Al Sharif;

Commending the resistance of the Palestinian people in the face of the Israeli aggression, and affirming support for their just struggle to regain their inalienable national rights, including their right to self-determination and the establishment of the independent State of Palestine, with Al Quds as its capital, as well as their right to the return of Palestinian refugees in accordance with resolution 194 of General Assembly;

Emphasizing that the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, encompassing the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Al Quds Al Sharif, constitute a single geographical unit;

Stressing that the continuing illegitimate Israeli aggressions and practices in the occupied Palestinian territories, including aggressions against the city of Al Quds Al Sharif, the excavations and settlement activities, constitute flagrant violations of the international law;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the dangerous conditions in Palestine and the Israeli violations in Al Quds, and Israel's aggressions against the blessed Al Aqsa Mosque, and having listened to the Head of the Palestinian Delegation and to the interventions of the Ministers and Heads of Delegation:

1. **Emphasizes** that the question of the Holy Haram in Al Quds is a red line that can absolutely not be addressed with laxity or be subject of any debate, and that any prejudice to the blessed Al Aqsa Mosque – no matter it is, and no matter the circumstances– will have very serious repercussions for the Islamic world and is likely to destabilize the region.
2. **Affirms** its unwavering support for the stand of the State of Palestine based on commitment to the right of sovereignty over the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the Holy Haram in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and all Christian and Muslim holy places, which are part of the Palestinian territories occupied since June 1967. It also **emphasizes** that Al-Quds is the capital of the independent State of Palestine, and, in this regard, **rejects** any attempt to undermine the Palestinian right of sovereignty over Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
3. **Strongly condemns** the Israeli violations and practices against the Palestinian people and its properties, especially in the City of Al Quds, and aggressions against the blessed Al Aqsa Mosque and all other holy places; and **warns** Israel against persisting in its aggressions against the place of the night journey of the Holy Prophet and the first prayer direction for Muslims. It also **emphasizes** that the continuing Israeli aggressions against the sanctities in Al Quds will have dire consequences for international peace and security.
4. **Affirms** that all Israeli legislative, administrative, and colonial settlement procedures and measures aimed at altering the legal, demographic, architectural, cultural, and heritage-related status of the Holy City constitute a violation of the resolutions of international legitimacy and international covenants and conventions, in particular resolution no. 465 of the UN Security Council. It **demand**s the UN Security Council to revive the International Supervision and Monitoring Committee to Prevent and Prohibit Colonial Settlement in Al-Quds and the Occupied Arab Territories, in accordance with its Resolution 446.
5. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States members of the UN Security Council and the Russian Federation, in its capacity as observer member of the OIC, to call for an emergency session of the Security Council in order to examine Israel's violations of international law in Al Quds and its aggressions against sanctities. It **urges** the international community, and most particularly the Security Council, to pay attention to the

seriousness of the Israeli aggressions, the need to force Israel to implement the resolutions of international legitimacy, and to prevent it from making any change in the geographical, urban or demographical character of the city of Al Quds, to lift the blockade, to force it to stop demolishing Palestinian citizens' homes and to put an end to the ethnic cleansing operations against the Palestinian population in the Holy City.

6. **Invites** the OIC Member States members of the Executive Council and General Conference of UNESCO to make the latter issue a resolution to stop the measures being undertaken by the occupying State in a bid to alter the cultural character of the City of Al Quds and its historical and civilizational landmarks, including the excavations and the stealing of the Holy City's artifacts.
7. **Decides** to set up a Technical Committee composed of the Member States and the Islamic Development Bank, in coordination with Palestine and with the participation of Palestinian institutions in Al-Qods City, to study the current situation of vital sectors in the city. The General Secretariat shall be in charge of presiding over and coordinating the work of the Committee.
8. **Calls** on OIC Member States to contribute urgently, through Al-Quds Fund and Bay Mal Al-Quds Agency, to the financing of projects aimed at safeguarding the City of Al Quds, supporting the steadfastness of its population and preserving its historical Arab and Islamic character in order to protect it from the Israeli practices aimed at Judaizing it.
9. **Calls on** the OIC Member States which are yet to sign the documents for the twinning of their capitals and cities with the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to promptly complete the twinning process and to sponsor some projects within the City of Al Quds Al Sharif in support of the City and its steadfast population. It **also calls upon** the twin Islamic capital cities with Al Quds Al Sharif to sponsor projects in the vital sectors that strengthen the ability of the Holy City and its population to remain steadfast in the face of the Judaization attempts.
10. **Invites** the Vatican and the Eastern Churches to cooperate with the Islamic world in order to put an end to the plight of the City of Al Quds as a result of the continuing serious Israeli occupation and aggressions

targeting the civilizational and historical character of the City of Al Quds in a bid to Judaize it.

11. **Welcomes** the Human Rights Council's resolution A/HRC/S-12/1 of 16 October 2009 adopting the recommendations of the International Independent Fact Finding Commission on the Israeli aggression against Gaza, and **calls for** the continuation of the international measures so that the Israeli war criminals are brought to justice. It **also welcomes** the Council's resolution on Israel's human rights violations in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the City of Al Quds, and **calls for** compelling Israel to implement its provisions.
12. **Requests** the OIC Ambassadors Group in New York to work, in coordination with the Arab Group and NAM, towards evolving an effective mechanism for full implementation of Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/S-12/1.
13. **Commends** Jordan's actions, under the leadership of His Majesty King Abdallah, and its continued construction and permanent care for the Holy Aqsa Mosque, and **hails** the efforts of His Majesty to prevent the Jewish plans against the Holy Haram.
14. **Commends** the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Mohammad VI, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, with all influential international parties, in particular the International Quartet to compel Israel to abandon its aggressive practices against the Palestinian people, and force it to return to negotiations on the basis of international legitimacy resolutions and the conventions signed by the parties concerned.
15. **Mandates** the Secretary-General to coordinate with the Chairs of the Islamic Summit Conference, the Council of Foreign Ministers, Al-Quds Committee, Palestine and the Member States of the Executive Committee in order to form a ministerial delegation to contact influential international parties, the United Nations and UNESCO with a view to ending Israel's aggressions against the City of Al Quds.