



MAKKAH AI-MUKARRAMAH DECLARATION

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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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Allah says in the Holy Quran:

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers."

We, the Kings, Presidents and Emirs of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, gathered at the Fourteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 26 Ramadan 1440 A.H., corresponding to 31 May 2019;

We praise and thank Allah for our gathered us in this blessed month and having allowed us to meet in this holy land, Makkah al-Mukarramah, by the holy Ka'bah, from where the message of Islam was launched, laying the foundations of peace and justice.

While stressing the noble principles of the eternal message that started from this holy place, which promoted Islamic values and principles calling for building ties and establishing cooperation among Muslim peoples with a view to achieving justice, truth, equality, benevolence, unity and solidarity, and ending despotism, dissent and conflict;

Recalling the key objectives and principles underpinning the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), including the strengthening of unity and solidarity among Islamic States and peoples;

Cognizant of the political, economic and cultural challenges facing OIC Member States due to armed conflicts, the mounting trend of extremism and terrorism, and aware of the need for us to work earnestly in order to counter those challenges ahead of Member States, towards preserving security and stability and opening venues of investment and sustainable development, with the aim of realizing dignified life and prosperity for Muslim societies;

Such endeavor will only be accomplished through a number of principles and steps to which we all need to adhere and to preserve, namely:

- I-** Committing support for the OIC to attain the goals set out by its charter, through the joint Islamic action it represents, and thus embark on a new vision for a promising future for the Islamic world, helping it to address internal and international challenges ahead such as to preserve its security and stability.
- II-** Endeavoring to develop the capacities and laws of Islamic countries in all fields to ensure their progress and achieve their development goals by devising and implementing the necessary plans and programmes. This will positively impact positively the performance of joint Islamic action and promote it and contribute to the development of the work of the OIC and its institutions and subsidiary organs, in line with the principles that uphold the interests of Islamic peoples and countries.
- III-** Underlining the importance of the cause of Palestine as the central cause of the Islamic Ummah; endeavoring to end the Israeli occupation of Arab and Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, in accordance with relevant international resolutions; and affirming full solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle against occupation and their right to descent life in their independent and sovereign state, with Al-Quds as its capital.
- IV-** Denouncing terrorism, extremism and fanaticism in all their forms and manifestations, whatever their causes and motives; closing ranks to stand against terrorist organizations, and enacting deterrent laws and controls to counter these scourges.
- V-** Denouncing the terrorist attacks against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, namely attacks on oil pumping stations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and on commercial vessels in the territorial waters of the State of the United Arab Emirates and call on the international community to assume its responsibilities in preserving peace and security in the region.
- VI-** Rejecting any attempt to link terrorism to any nationality, civilization or religion and rejecting the provision of any direct or indirect support for groups and organizations that incite violence, extremism and terrorism under any pretext.
- VII-** Continuing to fully condemn all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion, color or faith, and underscoring the need to embrace tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among peoples as a means to combat discrimination and hatred.
- VIII-** Rejecting sectarianism and confessional fanaticism in all their forms and manifestations, encouraging national efforts aimed at countering

sectarian policies and practices and promoting reconciliation among all Muslims.

- IX-** Affirming that those in charge of social media have huge responsibilities in achieving the goals and objectives of Islamic fraternity and keeping away from stirring chaos and dissent among the members of the Islamic Ummah.
- X-** Underscoring the importance of standing by those Muslims in non-Islamic countries who suffer persecution, injustice, coercion and aggression; extending full support to them and adopting their causes in international forums to ensure the realization of their political and social rights in their countries and develop programmes and mechanisms that would guarantee their integration in their societies without any discrimination.
- XI-** Underscoring the need for the OIC to be cognizant of changes and developments at the international level, which require it to develop its programmes and tools to be able to play its role at the regional and international levels such as to achieve consensual joint Islamic action
- XII-** We convey our thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah protect him, for kindly convening the 14th session of the Islamic Summit Conference and for his sincere efforts to strengthen the bonds of fraternity and solidarity among Islamic countries for the service of Muslims the world over.

We beseech Almighty Allah to crown our endeavors with success, to guide us towards our goal, and to enable us to advance this Ummah now and in the future.