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The Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 1 October 2015 AD - 17 Dhul-Hijjah 1436 AH;

Proceeding from the principles and objectives enshrined in the OIC Charter;

Reaffirming the OIC resolutions on the Palestinian Cause and Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

Affirming that the territory of the State of Palestine, including the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, constitutes one geographical unit;

Asserting that Al-Quds Al-Sharif is the capital of the State of Palestine and in this regard **reaffirming** its rejection of any attempt to diminish the Palestinian sovereignty over and presence in Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

Reaffirming the religious and spiritual centrality of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the eternal attachment of Muslims all over the world to the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, the first qiblah and the third holy mosque;

Recognizing the need to safeguard the sanctity of the holy places and to protect the spiritual and moral values symbolized by the holy sites in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, particularly resolutions 242 (1967), 252 (1968), 267 (1969), 271 (1969), 338 (1973), 465 (1980), 476 (1980), 478 (1980), 672 (1990), 1073 (1996) and 1322 (2000) on the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

Commending the steadfastness of the Palestinian people residing in the occupied City of Al-Quds and their resistance to the Israeli attacks against the holy places and Al-Aqsa Mosque in particular;

Positively taking note of the UN Security Council Press Statement on the 17th of September which, inter alia, called for upholding unchanged the historic status

quo at the Haram Al Sharif and ensuring that Muslim worshipers must be allowed to worship in peace, free from violence, threats and provocation.

1. **Confirms** its firm support to the State of Palestine to exercise the right of full sovereignty over the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the capital of the State of Palestine, protect its Arab identity, maintain its human heritage, preserve the sanctity of its Muslim and Christian holy places, especially the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and ensure the right of Muslims to exercise their inalienable religious rights therein, while reiterating the historic and present Hashemite Custodianship exercised by His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein of Jordan.
2. **Warns** Israel, the Occupying Power, of the dire consequences of its continuing attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holy mosque for Muslims, especially its deplorable attempts to divide it temporally or spatially through repeated incursions and raids by the occupation forces and extremists, desecration of its precincts, closure of its gates, attacking worshipers therein, and restricting worshipers' freedom of access to it; and **considers** that all these illegitimate measures constitute an unprecedented assault against the proven religious rights of the Muslim Ummah and its heritage, a provocation to the sensitivities of Muslims all over the world, and a violation of the freedom of worship and the sanctity of holy places; and also **holds** Israel, the Occupying Power, fully liable for the consequences of these attacks, which will ignite religious conflict and endanger the prospects to bring peace and stability in the region.
3. **Condemns** all attempts by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose the name "Temple Mount" on Al-Haram Al-Sharif, which houses the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque. They rejected completely such attempts to forcibly and illegally alter the religious and historical character, status and identity of Al-Haram Al-Sharif and Al-Aqsa Mosque. They deemed to such actions to be part of the occupying Power's decades-long measures and schemes to alter the demographic composition, character, landscape and status of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Occupied East Jerusalem, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in violation of countless Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, and in blatant disrespect for the July 2004 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice. They called on the international community to stand firm in their rejection of all such measures and actions and to demand that Israel cease immediately all such illegal and provocative measures, which threaten to totally destabilize the situation and ignite a religious conflict.
4. **Affirms** that all Israeli practices to Judaize the City of Al-Quds and isolate it from its natural Palestinian environs, including the policy of systematic ethnic cleansing, excavations, acts of settlement, and all schemes aimed at changing the legal status, geographical character and demographic composition of the City of Al-Quds are illegal and null and void in

accordance with international law and constitute a flagrant violation of the relevant United Nations resolutions; and **calls on** the UN Security Council to undertake its responsibilities enshrined in the UN Charter to confront these measures, including through the implementation of its relevant resolutions and through revival of the International Commission for the Examination of the Situation relating to Settlements in Al-Quds and the Occupied Arab Territories in accordance with Resolution 446 (1979).

5. **Also calls** the UN Security Council to act urgently and effectively to compel Israel, the Occupying Power, to cease and revoke all of its illegal measures with the aim of ending its illegitimate foreign occupation of the territory of the State of Palestine, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and adopt a resolution that sets a specific timetable and practical steps for achievement of that objective as a matter of urgency; and **calls**, in this regard, for the convening of an international conference to achieve a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East and **expresses** its support for all efforts in this regard.
6. **Requests** the Ambassadors of the OIC Member States in New York to work, in coordination with the Arab Group and the Non-Aligned Movement and the Arab member of the United Nations Security Council, to continue their efforts in the UN Security Council to adopt a resolution that sets a time limit for ending the Israeli occupation, and obliges Israel, the Occupying Power, to respect international law and the relevant UN resolutions and to uphold its responsibilities towards bringing a halt to all Israeli violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
7. **Requests** the Ambassadors of the OIC Member States in New York, in case the UN Security Council does not undertake its responsibilities, to undertake the necessary measures to hold a special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly under the "Uniting for Peace" theme to compel Israel, the Occupying Power, to cease its violations in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
8. **Requests** the Ambassadors of the Islamic Group at the Human Rights Council, the UNESCO, and other relevant international organizations, to intensify their efforts for the issuance of resolutions that support and confirm the legitimate Palestinian rights in the occupied Al-Quds, including for the preservation of its religious and cultural heritage, condemn the Israeli occupation policies, and demand taking the necessary measures to compel the immediate cessation of all of its actions aimed at changing the Arab-Islamic character of Al-Quds and at forcibly altering or destroying its historical and cultural landmarks; and **asserts** in this regard the need to follow up the positions of Member States that do not support these

resolutions, and take the appropriate measure, including follow-up steps for the implementation of these resolutions.

9. **Expresses** support for Jordan in preserving and administrating the Islamic and Christian Holy sites in Jerusalem, including Al-Haram al-Sharif, and the Hashemite historic custodianship of the sites as exercised by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn al-Husain. It further commends the efforts of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in protecting the city of Al Quds and backing up its Palestinian Arab citizens steadfastness on their territories in the face of Israeli violations.
10. **Commends** the efforts exerted by the OIC Ministerial Contact Group in Charge of Defending the Cause of Al-Quds Al-Shareef and Palestine, mainly the recommendations adopted by the Second Meeting held, under the chairmanship of the Kingdom of Morocco, whose Sovereign, King Mohammed VI Chairs Al-Quds Committee, in New York on 26 September 2015 on the margin of the 70th Session of the General Assembly.
11. **Appreciates** the favourable response of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of the Kingdom of Morocco and Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, for his generous hosting of the Extraordinary Summit on Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and **looks** forward to its convening as soon as possible in view of the seriousness of the situation in the Holy City.
12. **Invites** the OIC Member States, in this critical situation, to contribute expeditiously through Al-Quds Fund and Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, to finance the projects to preserve the City of Al-Quds, support the steadfastness of its people and preserve its Arab-Islamic historical character and identity and status against the Israeli practices to Judaize it; **renews** its call for the establishment of and support for *waqf* Projects in Member States; and **requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this.
13. **Asserts** non-tolerance of any steps taken by any country, organization, or company, either directly or indirectly, that would contribute to supporting and prolonging the Israeli occupation of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and **calls** for adopting serious and urgent measures to deter any illegitimate actions and procedures that would undermine the status of Al-Quds, including boycotting any entity involved.
14. **Invites** the capitals of the OIC Member States that have not yet signed the twinning documents with the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the capital of the State of Palestine, to finalize the twinning procedures and adopt projects therein in support of it and its steadfast Palestinian citizens. It also **calls** Muslim capitals twinned with the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to adopt projects in the vital sectors that promote the ability of the Holy City and its

citizens to withstand the illegal actions and measures by the occupying Power.

15. **Calls** on the Holy See and the Eastern churches to cooperate with the Muslim ummah to ameliorate and bring an end to the serious plight being endured by the occupied City of Al-Quds and its Palestinian residents because of the continuing Israeli occupation and the serious attacks against the status and cultural and historical character and identity of the city as a result of the ongoing Israeli attempts to Judaize Al-Quds city.
16. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Ministerial Contact Group on Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif and **calls** for continuing the implementation of its approved Action Plan and accelerate its efforts in the capitals of influential countries to convey the OIC firm positions and urgent message on Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
17. **Stresses** the need to continue media activities to expose the Israeli aggressions and violations against Islamic and Christian holy sites in Al-Quds, and to highlight risks and negative repercussions with regard to the security and stability in the region and the world.
18. **Mandates** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution.

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