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**CONCERNING THE CAUSE OF PALESTINE AND AL-QUDS
AL-SHARIF**

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Islamabad Declaration
Concerning Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif

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The 17th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), held on 19th December 2021, in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Reaffirming the centrality of the Cause of Palestine and Al Quds for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation; and **recalling** all relevant resolutions adopted by the OIC, the United Nations General Assembly, and the UN Security Council regarding illegal Israeli practices in the occupied territory of the State of Palestine, particularly in Al-Quds Al-Sharif;

1. **Reiterates** its unequivocal condemnation of all illegal colonial measures undertaken by Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, aimed at colonizing the Palestinian territory, particularly those attempts to alter the character and legal status of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, including the announcement of colonial measures, inter alia, building settlement blocks in and around the city of Al-Quds, as well as colonial settlements to isolate the City from its Palestinian environs; imposing racist laws including the so-called “settlement law” in order to annex the city, confiscate properties of its Palestinian inhabitants and evict the Palestinian population outside it; accelerating the demolition of Palestinian homes in various neighborhoods such as Silwan and Sheikh Jarrah , in an attempt to change the demographic composition of the city; in addition to all other illegal measures, including arbitrary arrests, and terrorizing of the peaceful Palestinian people, among other exactions, by the settlers and the Israeli occupation army.
2. **Affirms** that these Israeli measures are illegal, null, and void, **does not** recognize any changes affecting the pre-1967 borders, particularly with regard to Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and **calls on** the Member States and the international community, including the UN Security Council, to assume their responsibilities, hold the Israeli colonial occupation accountable for its violations, and take all necessary measures, including imposing sanctions against Israel, to stop these violations;
3. **Condemns** the repeated attacks by the Israeli colonial occupation authorities on the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif and its continuous attempts to change the historical and legal status quo there using flimsy religious pretexts, the increasing and repeated incursions by extremist colonists under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces, as well as the incursions by the Israeli occupation forces with all its arms into Mosque’s

yards, the closing of the doors of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, the continuous attempts to impose racist Israeli laws, as well as the repeated attacks on the waqf (endowment) properties and the facilities of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque; **holds** Israel, as the occupying power in East Jerusalem, responsible for any measures that affect the safety of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif and the safety of worshipers and of the cadres of the Jordan-run Department of Al-Quds Waqf, in accordance with its obligations under international humanitarian law, **demands** Israel to immediately stop all illegal violations and irresponsible provocations that constitute a violation of the sanctity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif and offends the feelings of Muslims everywhere, and **praises**, in this context, the steadfastness of Al-Quds residents and the Palestinian people in the face of Israeli schemes and measures that undermine international efforts to end the occupation and establish a just and comprehensive peace.

4. **Reaffirms**, in this regard, its rejection of all attempts that would undermine the cultural and religious status of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and **stresses** the need to maintain the historical status quo in the city, and preserve the right of the Palestinian people to full sovereignty over Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the capital of the State of Palestine; **calls on** all states and officials to refrain from participating in any activity, making any statements or holding any official meeting therein that serve the objective of Israel, the illegitimate occupying power, to dominate the city, and embolden it to pursue its violations, illegal occupation, and annexation of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; **condemns**, in this regard, the relocation by some countries of their embassies or opening of commercial or diplomatic offices in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, as well as any declaration or measure that may affect the legal status of the occupied Palestinian territory, particularly the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and **calls upon** the Member States to take all necessary steps and measures in this regard, and to fulfill their obligations under International Law, and in conformity with the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and the meetings of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers to face such hostile positions;
5. **Commends** the efforts of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the role of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, the custodian of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in defending, protecting and preserving the city of Al-Quds and its Islamic and Christian holy sites, and supporting the steadfastness of its Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds on their land in the face of Israeli violations and illegal measures aimed at changing the Arab, Islamic and Christian identity of the city; **renews** its rejection of all Israeli attempts that affect the Hashemite guardianship and trusteeship, which was reaffirmed in the significant agreement signed between His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom

of Jordan, and His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, President the State of Palestine, in Amman on 3/31/2013; **also commends** UNESCO's resolutions confirming that Al-Aqsa Mosque is a synonym for Al-Haram Al-Sharif and emphasizing that the Mughrabi Gate hill is an integral part of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the right of the Jordanian Department of Al-Quds Waqf and the Affairs of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the restoration of the Mughrabi Gate as the only exclusive legal authority responsible for the Al-Haram and its total area of 144 dunums, and as a place of worship exclusively for Muslims, including its management, maintenance and preservation, and the regulation of entry to its courtyard.

6. **Affirms** that achieving a just and lasting peace based on international law, United Nations resolutions, the Arab Peace Initiative and the approved international references, and which ends the illegal Israeli occupation and its colonial practice, enables the Palestinian people to practice their right to self-determination, and embodies their independent, sovereign state with Jerusalem as its capital, on the line of June 4 1967, represents a strategic choice and an unavoidable necessity to achieve security and stability in the region.
7. Strongly condemns all the Israeli expansionist colonial measures and policies in their various forms and manifestations on the entire territory of the State of Palestine occupied in 1967, including East Al-Quds, which constitute a war crime and a violation of the international law, the UN resolutions, and the fourth Geneva Convention, while stressing that the Israeli settlements built on the Palestinian land are null and void, and will not constitute an acceptable fait accompli; **also condemns** the crime of the Israeli occupation's establishment of a hateful apartheid regime under which its racist courts are used to forcibly deport the Palestinian population from their lands, specifically its declared threat to remove entire neighborhoods, including the demolition of hundreds of homes of Palestinian families, the displacement of thousands of their people for the benefit of the Israeli colonists, and the seizure of their real estate and lands to establish settlements - or what is called National Parks - on their ruins, including neighborhoods in the Old City of Al-Quds, Sheikh Jarrah, Al-Bustan, Batn Al-Hawa, Wadi Al-Rababa, Wadi Yasoul in the town of Silwan, Jabal Al-Mukabber, Al-Isawiya, Wadi Al-Joz and other Al-Quds neighborhoods.
8. **Rejects** all attempts to undermine or prejudice the mandate or work of the UNRWA in accordance with its UN mandate, or to change/transfer its responsibilities to any another party; **stresses** the need for UNRWA to continue to shoulder its responsibilities as an indispensable factor of stability in the region, including providing vital services to the Palestinian refugees inside and outside of camps in all its five areas of operations, particularly in

Al-Quds Al-Sharif, until the issue of the Palestinian refugees is resolved in a just and comprehensive manner, in accordance with the international resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative, and in a way that fulfills their right of return and their right to compensation; **and calls** on States and donor agencies to fulfill their financial commitments that they pledged at various international conferences to support the UNRWA politically and financially, the most recent of which was the International Ministerial Conference on UNRWA, which was held on 16 November in Brussels, and organized by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Kingdom of Sweden.

9. **Reaffirms** the centrality of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, its religious, spiritual, and historical character, and its essential value in the heart of the Islamic Ummah, and **stresses**, in this regard, that the key to any real peaceful solution begins with maintaining the legal and historical status of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable rights, at the forefront of which their right to self-determination and to the establishment of their independent state, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital;
10. Resolves to take the necessary measures to defend the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and at all levels, including international institutions and courts, continue providing assistance to the State of Palestine and to support the Holy City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the steadfastness of its residents, as well as to continue to mobilize international support with a view to ending the illegal colonial occupation and its apartheid regime in all its manifestations and realizing the independence of the State of Palestine with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.