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The eighteenth extraordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, convened virtually at the request of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chairman of the Fourteenth Islamic Summit, and the Republic of Iraq, on Monday, July 31, 2023, to discuss the crimes of desecration of copies of the al-Mus'haf ash-Sharif;

- **Condemns** in the strongest terms the storming of the blessed Aqsa Mosque /Al-Haram Al-Sharif by an extremist minister in the Israeli colonial occupation government, Knesset members and extremist settler groups protected by the Israeli occupation forces. It considers this a deliberate repetition of provoking the feelings of Muslims all over the world, a serious violation of the status of the Holy Sanctuary, a violation of international law and relevant United Nations resolutions, and a clear violation of the historical and legal status quo in Al-Quds and its sanctities, and of all relevant international norms.;
- **Reaffirms** that the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the capital of the State of Palestine, is an integral part of the Palestinian territory occupied in 1967, and that the blessed Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif, with its entire area of 144 dunums, is a pure place of worship for Muslims only, protected by international law and historical status, and that The Department of Endowments of Al-Quds and the Affairs of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Qudsi Al-Sharif, affiliated to the Jordanian Ministry of Endowments, Islamic Affairs and Holy Sites, is the authority accredited to manage the affairs of the Blessed Aqsa Mosque / Al-Qudsi Al-Sharif. Also stresses the importance of the role of the historical Hashemite Custodianship over the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Al-Quds in protecting the sanctities, their identity, and their historical and legal status, and that Israel, the occupying power, has no sovereignty over any part of the city of Al-Quds nor its sanctities, and reiterates in this regard the rejection of any measures or decisions aimed at changing its status, character, or demographic composition, as well as any attempts to impose the alleged Israeli sovereignty over it, as illegal and illegitimate under international law, and a serious violation of relevant UN resolutions;
- **Cautions** against the consequences of the continued assault on the blessed Aqsa Mosque / Al-Quds Al-Sharif, including provocations, continuous abuses, and daily serious attacks by the Israeli colonial occupation authorities, their government officials, their military occupation forces, and terrorist colonizers, on Islamic and Christian religious sites, in the city of Al-Quds, in a grave violation of international law, and an unprecedented tampering with the existing historical and legal situation, especially the

seriousness of the extremist Jewish colonialists' attempts to fuel the flames of religious conflict by imposing a temporal and spatial division of the Holy Qudsi Mosque, which poses a threat to international peace and security;

- **Condemns** the frenzied terrorist campaign, waged by the Israeli extremist colonizers under the protection of the Israeli occupation forces, against Palestinian villages and towns, as witnessed recently, including in Hawara, Turmusaya, Al-Laban Al-Gharbia, Burqin, Urif and Sebastia, and the desecration of mosques, burning and tearing of copies of al-Mu'shaf ash-Sharif, and the burning of Palestinian homes and properties, and calls on the international community, in particular the Security Council, to put an end to all crimes, violations, illegal policies, and the illegal colonial occupation of the land of the State of Palestine, including the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and to hold the occupation accountable for these crimes and to provide international protection for the Palestinian people;
- **Commends** the continued efforts exerted by King Muhammad VI, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, for the protection of Islamic sanctities in Al-Quds Asharif, and countering the measures taken by the Israeli authorities therein, lauds also the tangible role played by Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Ash-Sharif Agency, the executive arm of Al-Quds Committee, through the implementation of development programs and activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the holy city and the promotion of their resilience, lauds also the central role of Al-Quds Committee, under the chairmanship of King Muhammad VI, in countering the serious escalating measures taken by the Israeli authorities in the city of Al-Quds Asharif.
- **Appreciates** the "Algeria Declaration" of the Reunion Conference for Palestinian National Unity" to end division and achieve reconciliation as a positive step towards national unity, expresses deep appreciation to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for sponsoring the talks, and appreciates the unremitting efforts made by the President of the Republic of Algeria, Mr. Abdel Majid Tebboune for the success of this historic endeavour.
- **Calls on** the Islamic Group of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to intensify its efforts at the level of international organizations and take the necessary measures to force Israel, the colonial occupying power, to stop all its violations and illegal measures in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

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