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We, the leaders of Arab States, convened in the city of Algiers, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on 7-8 Rabi' al-Thani 1444 AH, 1-2 November 2022, at the 31st ordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the summit level, upon the kind invitation of His Excellency President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria;

Inspired by our common history and the bonds of Arab solidarity manifested at its best in the Arab peoples' and States' support to the Algerian people's struggle during the November 1st Revolution, and the sacrifices yielded by the Arab brothers to help their Algerian brethren;

Recalling the historical resolutions adopted by the Arab leaders in all the previous summits, including those convened in Algeria during pivotal stages in the history of our nation, and *based on* the gains that were collectively achieved at these stages for the Arab nation's causes and the joint Arab action;

Recognizing the difficult circumstances and the rapid developments in the international arena, as well as the current state of polarization that reveals signs of restructuring the balance of power, which, combined, jeopardize our national security and the stability of our homelands; and that this unfolding situation implies the inevitability of making concerted efforts so as to preserve our common interests and our effective role in shaping a new international system based on justice and sovereign equality among States;

Commending the initiative of President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, represented in the selection of the term "Reunification" as the title of our Summit, we are proud to join Algeria, its President, Government and People, the celebrations of commemorating the 68th anniversary of the November Revolution, as we recall, in solemnity and respect, the righteous martyrs who gave their lives in defense of this great country;

Declare that we

I. The Question of Palestine

- *Emphasize* the centrality of the Palestinian cause and the absolute support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to freedom, self-determination and the establishment of the independent and fully sovereign State of Palestine on the lines of 4 June 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the right of return and compensation for the Palestinian refugees in accordance with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194 (1948).
- *Affirm* our adherence to the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative with all its elements and priorities, our commitment to just and comprehensive peace as a strategic option to end the Israeli occupation of all the Arab territories, including the Syrian Golan, the Lebanese Shab'a Farms and Kafr Shuba Hills, and the settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of the land-for-peace formula and the principles of international law and the relevant international resolutions.
- *Stress* the need to continue the efforts to protect the occupied city of Jerusalem and its holy places from the Occupation's rejected and condemned attempts to alter its demographic structure, its Arab, Islamic and Christian identity and its historical and legal status quo, including by supporting the historical Hashemite custodianship over Islamic and Christian holy sites, the Jordanian Awqaf Department of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs as the only legal authority, as well as the role of Al-Quds Committee, and Bayt Mal Al-

Quds in defending the city of Jerusalem and supporting the resilience of its people.

- *Call for* lifting of the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip, *condemn* the use of force by the occupying Power against the Palestinians, and all its barbaric practices, including the assassinations and arbitrary arrests; and *demand* the release of all prisoners and detainees, particularly children, women, the sick and the elderly.
- *Emphasize* our support for the State of Palestine's request to obtain full membership of the United Nations; *call* upon the States that have not yet recognized the State of Palestine to do so; and *emphasize* the need to support the Palestinian legal efforts aiming to hold the Israeli occupation accountable for the war crimes and crimes against humanity that it committed, and is still committing, against the Palestinian people.
- *Value* the Arab efforts to unify the Palestinian position, commending in this regard the signing of the "Declaration of Algiers" at the "Reunification Conference for Achieving Palestinian National Unity," which was convened in Algeria on 11-13 October 2022, and *emphasize* the need for concerted efforts of the Arab States to accelerate the achievement of this noble goal, particularly by assisting the Palestinian brothers in implementing the steps agreed upon in this Declaration.

II. The Situation in the Arab world

- *Work towards* enhancing the joint Arab action so as to protect the Arab national security as a comprehensive concept with all its political, economic, food, energy, water and environmental elements; and *contribute* to resolving and ending the crises in some Arab States, thereby preserving the unity, territorial integrity of Member States and their sovereignty over their natural resources and, therefore, fulfilling the aspirations of their peoples to a secure and decent life.
- *Reject* all forms of external interference in the internal affairs of Arab States; *adhere* to the principle of “Arab solutions to Arab problems” by enhancing the role of the League of Arab States in crisis prevention and crisis resolution by peaceful means, *seek* to enhance inter-Arab relations, commending, in this regard, the efforts exerted by many Arab States, particularly the State of Kuwait, to achieve Arab solidarity and among the Arab Gulf States.
- *Express* full solidarity with the Libyan people and support for the efforts aiming to end the Libyan crisis through a Libyan-Libyan solution that preserves the unity and sovereignty of Libya, safeguards its own security and that of its neighborhood, and fulfills the aspirations of its people to conduct elections at the earliest possible time so as to achieve permanent political stability.
- *Affirm* the support for the legitimate Government of Yemen; *commend* the formation of the Presidential Leadership Council and *support* the efforts aiming to achieve a political solution to the crisis in Yemen in accordance with the established terms of reference; *Stress* our condemnation of the

terrorist Houthi militias for not renewing the humanitarian truce and its continued military escalation; *highlighting* that the humanitarian truce represents a fundamental step towards achieving a comprehensive political settlement that would preserve the unity of Yemen, its sovereignty, stability and territorial integrity and the security of the Arab Gulf States; and *rejecting* all forms of external interference in its internal affairs.

- *Affirm* that the Arab States shall, collectively, play a leading role contributing to the efforts exerted to achieve a political solution to the Syrian crisis and to address all its political, security, humanitarian and economic repercussions, thus preserving Syria's unity and sovereignty, fulfilling the aspirations of its people and restoring its security and stability as well as its regional and international standing.
- *Welcome* the recovery of constitutional life in Iraq, including the government formation; *commend* this government's efforts to achieve stability and economic development and to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the Iraqi people; *value*, in this regard, Iraq's success in defeating the terrorist organizations and *praise* the sacrifices made by the Iraqi people in defending the sovereignty and security of their country.
- *Reaffirm* our solidarity with the Lebanese Republic in safeguarding its security and stability; and *support* the efforts it made to exert sovereignty over its land and maritime territories, *expressing* hope that the current government shall implement the required reforms and that the House of Representatives shall elect a new president.
- *Renew* our support for the Federal Republic of Somalia for the consolidation of security and stability through the Arab States' contribution to enhancing Somali national counter-terrorism capacities and enabling this brotherly

country to respond to the current challenges, particularly those caused by the severe drought crisis.

- *Support* the continued efforts to achieve a political solution between Djibouti and Eritrea concerning the border dispute and the issue of Djibouti prisoners of war.
- *Emphasize* the need to contribute to supporting the Arab States undergoing difficult political, security and economic conditions or those facing extraordinary circumstances as a result of natural disasters, by mobilizing available resources within the several support mechanisms at the bilateral, Arab, regional and international levels.
- *Underscore* the importance of establishing a zone free of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East in accordance with the agreed terms of reference, *calling* on all the concerned parties to accede and implement the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which remains the fundamental cornerstone of the nuclear nonproliferation system.

III. Consolidation and Modernization of the Joint Arab Action

- *Emphasize* our commitment to move forward towards consolidating, modernizing and advancing the joint Arab action to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the Arab peoples, according to a new approach that reinforces the traditional frameworks, so as to place the concerns of the Arab citizen at the heart of its priorities.
- *Value* the constructive proposals presented by President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, that aim at enhancing the role of the League of Arab States in conflict prevention and

resolution, consolidating the people's dimension and promoting the role of youth and innovation in the joint Arab action.

- *Highlight* the need to launch an interactive mechanism between the official Arab institutions and the civil society with all its components and active forces, through the establishment of platforms to exchange ideas, conduct fruitful discussions and constructive dialogue, with a view to unifying efforts so as to collectively address the current challenges.
- *Commit* to intensifying our efforts to implement the Arab economic integration project according to a comprehensive vision that ensures the optimal utilization of the foundations of Arab economies and the great potential they have, with a view to achieve a full implementation of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area in preparation for the establishment of the Arab Customs Union.
- *Emphasize* the importance of concerted efforts to strengthen the Arab collective capabilities in responding to current challenges concerning food, health and energy security and climate change, noting the need to develop the mechanisms of cooperation in order to institutionalize the joint Arab action in these areas.

IV. Relations with Neighboring Countries and Partnerships

- *Affirm* the need to establish good and balanced relations between the Arab States and the international community, including its Muslim, African and Euro-Mediterranean surroundings, on the basis of respect for the rules of good neighborhood, trust, fruitful cooperation and mutual adherence to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, particularly the respect for sovereignty of states and the non-interference in their internal affairs.

- *Emphasize* the importance of cooperation and partnership forums that bring together the League of Arab States with several international and regional partners, considering these important platforms for political consultation, building bridges of communication and understanding and establishing balanced partnerships based on mutual respect and mutual benefit.

V. The Situation in the international arena

- *Emphasize* that the increasing tensions on the international arena show, more than ever before, the structural imbalances in global governance mechanisms and the urgent need to tackle these according to an approach that ensures equity and equality among all States and puts an end to the marginalization of developing countries.
- *Highlight* the importance for the Arab States to participate in shaping the new international system for a post-coronavirus and post-Ukraine war world, as a harmonious and united group and as an active actor that does not lack the will, potential or competencies to make a real and positive contribution in this area.
- *Adhere* to the non-alignment principles and the common Arab position towards the war in Ukraine, that is based on the rejection of the use of force and the pursuit of peace, through the active engagement of the Arab Ministerial Contact Group (comprising of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, UAE, Iraq, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States) in the international efforts aiming to develop a political solution to the crisis that is consistent with the principles of the United Nations Charter and that takes into account the security concerns of the pertinent parties, rejecting the politicization of international organizations; *emphasize*, in this regard, the efforts made by other Arab States.

- *Value* the balanced policy adopted by OPEC+ coalition to ensure the stability of global energy markets and sustainability of investments in this critical sector within an economic approach that protects the interests of both the producing and consuming countries.
- *Affirm* the need for concerted efforts to counter all forms of terrorism and extremism, dry up its financing sources and mobilize the international community within an integrated approach based on adherence to the relevant rules of international law and the United Nations resolutions, particularly with regards to urging partners not to allow their territories to be used as safe havens or platforms to support incitement or terrorist acts against other States.
- *Welcome* the laudable initiatives by many Arab States to curb the spread of Islamophobia, reduce tensions, promote the values of tolerance and respect of the other, the dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations and to uphold the values of living together in peace which was adopted by the United Nations upon Algeria's initiative; *welcome* in this regard the historic visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and his participation and His Eminence Dr. Ahmad Al-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders, in the "Bahrain Forum: East and West Dialogue for Human Coexistence."
- *Commend* the important role of the Arab States in addressing the major challenges facing humanity, e.g., climate change; *praising* in this regard the Green Middle East initiative launched by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- *Emphasize* the importance of the prominent role of the Arab States in organizing key international events that constitute major, formative phases for international relations. In this regard, we *express*:

- Our support for the Arab Republic of Egypt, which is preparing to host the 27th Session of Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP27).
- Our support for the State of Qatar, which is preparing to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, as we express our full confidence in its ability to organize an outstanding version of this international event, and our rejection of the campaigns of distortion and skepticism against it.
- Our support for the Kingdom of Morocco's hosting of the 9th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on 22-23 November 2022 in the city of Fez.
- Our support for the United Arab Emirates in preparing to host the 28th Session of Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28).
- Our support for the candidacy of the city of Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to host Expo 2030.

In conclusion,

We express our deep gratitude to His Excellency President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for his valuable efforts reflected in the organization of the summit meetings its proceedings with great wisdom and ability and for his prominent role in enhancing consultation and coordination, providing all the conditions for the success of this important Arab meeting, where an ideal spirit of brotherhood and consensus has prevailed. We highly appreciate his contributions and initiatives which have made this summit a distinguished milestone in the course of the joint Arab action.