

Communique adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level in an Extraordinary Session

on

the announcement by the Prime Minister of the government of Israeli occupation of his intention to annex parts of the occupied West Bank to Israeli sovereignty

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The Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level, convened in an Extraordinary Session, expresses its strong condemnation and absolute rejection of the statements by the Prime Minister of the government of Israeli occupation on Tuesday 10 September 2019 concerning his intention to annex parts of the West Bank occupied in 1967.

The Council considers this announcement a dangerous development and a new Israeli aggression by declaring its determination to violate international law, the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of international legitimacy including Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

The Council also considers that these statements undermine the prospects for any progress in the peace process and serve to destroy all of its foundations.

The Council states its determination to rigorously follow up these new aggressive Israeli statements, and is preparing to take all legal and political measures to confront this unilateral Israeli policy that serves to fuel conflict and violence in the region and the world, including through Arab action at the UN Security Council and General Assembly, and international organizations and members of the international community.

The Council holds the Israeli government responsible for the consequences and repercussions of these dangerous, illegal and irresponsible statements, and emphasizes its adherence to the core principles of the Arab position in support of the legitimate and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to selfdetermination and the establishment of an independent State of Palestine on the lines of 4 June 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the refugees' right of return and compensation, in accordance with UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.

The Council calls upon the international community, and in particular the Security Council, to assume its responsibilities by firmly confronting these Israeli policies that violate international law and resolutions of international legitimacy; it further calls for immediate action to launch a genuine and effective effort to resolve the conflict based on the terms of reference of the peace process, the resolutions of international legitimacy, international law, the Arab Peace Initiative, and the principle of the two-State solution on the lines of 4 June 1967. The Council mandates the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Communique and considers that it remains in permanent session to follow up the developments of this hostile Israeli position.

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