



Secretariat General

Communiqué by the First Ministerial Meeting of the Arab Ministerial Committee in charge of Following up on the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States

The Arab Ministerial Committee concerned with following up on the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States, comprised of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Chair of the Committee), the Republic of Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and HE Arab League Secretary-General, convened its first meeting via video-conference, on the sidelines of the 154th Ordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 9th September 2020.

The Committee discussed Turkey's illegal interference in some Arab States and reviewed the explanatory note submitted by the Secretariat General in this regard, and Resolution 8454 adopted by the Extraordinary Session of the Arab League Council on 12th October 2019. The Committee emphasized the resolutions adopted by the Arab League Council condemning all forms of Turkish interference in Arab States, particularly Resolution 8454 on 12th October 2019 concerning the "Turkish Aggression against Syria", Resolution 8475 on 4th March 2020 concerning "the Arab Stand towards Turkish Forces Violation of Iraq's Sovereignty", Resolution 8518 on the "Turkish Interference in the internal affairs of Arab States" and the Arab League Secretary-General Communiqués in this regard.

The Committee reaffirmed previous resolutions of the Arab League Council concerning the Turkish Interference in the Internal Affairs of Arab States;

The Committee condemned all forms of Turkish interference in the internal affairs of Arab States, particularly in the Republic of Iraq, the State of Libya and the Syrian Arab Republic, considering such act a serious violation of international law

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and the relevant Security Council resolutions; an encroachment on the sovereignty of Arab States and a significant threat to the Arab national security, which jeopardizes the cohesion of the State and its national institutions and contributes to fueling the sectarian and religious division through direct military violations and supporting terrorist and extremist groups and organization, mercenaries and foreign terrorist fighters, requiring an Arab and international mobilization to confront these malicious actions at all levels and by various means;

The Committee emphasized the illegitimacy of Turkey's military presence in the Arab States and the need to unconditionally withdraw its forces hereof, particularly, from the Republic of Iraq, the State of Libya and the Syrian Arab Republic; and highlighted the need to take all the necessary and appropriate measures to force Turkey to immediately halt all aggressive acts perpetrated against the Arab States, including, inter alia, supporting, recruitment, training and transfer of foreign terrorist fighters and mercenaries to these countries, as well as its systematic change of the demographic and social structure of areas under its control.

The Committee demanded the Turkish regime to immediately desist from violating water rights of the Republic of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic by the construction of dams on Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which have adversely affected the allocation of water of the two Arab countries, and resulted in tremendous economic and environmental damage to both countries;

The Committee expressed its solidarity with all Arab States affected by the Turkish interference and its support for all the measures taken to counter these hostile policies. The Committee also emphasized the continuation of exerting every effort to implement the resolutions adopted by the Arab League Council in this regard.

It was agreed that the Committee will convene its upcoming meeting during the 155th Session of the Arab League Council at Ministerial Level, to be chaired by the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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