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**Statement by the Extraordinary Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at
the Level of Permanent Representatives on Arab and International Efforts to Halt
Israel's Aggression and Brutal Crimes of Genocide and Forced Displacement Against
the Palestinian People, Especially in the Northern Gaza Strip**

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The Council of the League of Arab States at the Level of Permanent Representatives convened an extraordinary session on October 22, 2024, to address the ongoing Arab and international efforts to halt the crimes of genocide, forced displacement, and ethnic cleansing perpetrated by Israel, the occupying power, against the Palestinian people. These heinous actions have now entered an even more brutal phase, aimed at exterminating the Palestinian people through the most atrocious forms of forced displacement, destruction, and starvation, particularly in the northern Gaza Strip. These crimes are part of a systematic strategy to completely depopulate the area, all amidst a backdrop of international helplessness and deafening silence.

The Council affirmed the following:

1. Israeli aggression and the brutal crime of genocide committed by Israel, the occupying power, against the Palestinian people are crimes against humanity, violating its core values, laws, and principles. These atrocities demonstrate that Israel, as the occupying power, has reached an unparalleled level of brutality unseen by any aggressor in modern history. The systematic extermination and incineration of civilians, including children, women, and the elderly, alongside the destruction of all forms of life in the Gaza Strip, are carried out with blatant disregard for international law, United Nations

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Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, as well as the measures and advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice.

2. Israel's actions, as the occupying power, to implement its systematic criminal plans—both political and military—through the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian citizens, particularly from the northern Gaza Strip, aim to depopulate the area entirely. This is achieved through genocide, destruction, starvation, and the eradication of all essential elements of life, including water, food, medical treatment, fuel, and communication. Such actions amount to an actual and deliberate effort to displace the Palestinian people from their homeland, resulting in increased human suffering imposed by Israel not only on the Palestinian people but also on the region as a whole, constituting a direct threat to Arab national security.
3. The failure of the international system to stop these unprecedented Israeli crimes, which have reached an unprecedented level of brutality and entered their second year, represents a deep stain on the conscience of humanity and the international order. The United Nations and its institutions have failed to fulfill the objectives outlined in its Charter regarding the preservation of international peace and security. Future generations will remember this failure—the inability of the international community to implement resolutions, demand a ceasefire, halt Israeli aggression and genocide, and end the illegal Israeli occupation—as a failure to use the mechanisms enshrined in the United Nations Charter, including those under Chapter VII, for the preservation of global peace.
4. The Council calls for the activation of the advisory opinion issued by the International Court of Justice on July 19, 2024, regarding the illegality of the Israeli occupation and the necessity of its removal. Furthermore, it demands the implementation of UN General Assembly Resolution No. (A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1), which pertains to the enforcement of the advisory opinion's recommendations.
5. The Council condemns the continued provision by the United States of America of tens of billions of dollars in military aid to Israel, the occupying power. This includes the supply of vast quantities of bombs, weapons, and ammunition that have resulted in the destruction of residential neighborhoods and infrastructure, leading to the deaths

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and injuries of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians, the majority of whom are children and women, during Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people.

6. The Council denounces the inflammatory statements made by certain international officials that falsely assert Israel's purported right to self-defense. Notably, the recent comments by the German Foreign Minister, who claimed that Israel has the right to kill civilians and bomb their residences under the guise of "self-defense," are condemned. Such statements are seen as providing a political cover for Israel's ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people. The Council emphasizes that Israel cannot attain security unless the Palestinian people are afforded the same, and that lasting peace in the region is unattainable without acknowledging the Palestinians' legitimate rights to establish their independent and sovereign state on their homeland.
7. The Council underscores the necessity of implementing the decisions made by the League of Arab States at both the summit and foreign ministers' levels, which include:
 - Initiating measures to suspend Israel's participation in the United Nations General Assembly and urging the Council of Arab Ambassadors in New York to execute the Ministerial Council Resolution 9063 issued during the 162nd dated September 10, 2024. This resolution mandates them to take action on this matter and present the outcomes of their actions and proposals to the League Council.
 - Designating Israeli settlement organizations and groups as entities of Arab national terrorism.
 - Joining the ongoing genocide lawsuit against Israel at the International Court of Justice.
 - Legally prosecuting Israeli officials included in the list of shame ratified by the League.
 - Boycotting companies that collaborate with the Israeli occupation system.
 - Lifting the Israeli siege imposed on the Gaza Strip and delivering urgent humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, particularly for children, orphans, amputees, and the wounded.

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8. The Council also condemns the pervasive and ongoing Israeli aggression against Lebanon, which has resulted in the martyrdom and injury of thousands of civilians and the displacement of over one million three hundred thousand Lebanese citizens. It warns of the peril posed by the continuation of this aggression in destabilizing regional security. The Council denounces the recent Israeli attacks on the Lebanese army and the peacekeeping forces operating in the south (UNIFIL) and emphasizes the importance of supporting Lebanon's efforts to engage the international community in pressuring Israel to immediately cease hostilities and fully implement Resolution 1701, to which Lebanon has expressed its readiness for immediate compliance.
9. The Council strongly condemns the repeated Israeli attacks on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic, particularly those targeting civilians and residential areas, and reaffirms its solidarity with Syria in exercising its right to defend its land and people.
10. The Council urges the International Court of Justice to expedite the adjudication of the genocide case against Israel, emphasizing that this is the court's responsibility and would significantly contribute to halting the ongoing crime of genocide.
11. The Council calls upon the International Criminal Court to issue arrest warrants for the Prime Minister and Minister of Defense of the occupying power.
12. The Council denounces the actions of Israel, the occupying power, which undermine the operations of the United Nations and international humanitarian organizations working in the Gaza Strip. This includes the bombing of UNRWA centers and headquarters, the classification of UNRWA as a terrorist organization, and efforts to terminate its missions in the occupied Palestinian territory.

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The Republic of Iraq expresses reservation regarding any references to (Israel) as a state within this statement and requests that such references be replaced with the term (the Israeli entity, the occupying power) wherever it appears, as the current references are not consistent with Iraqi laws.