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against the Israeli Knesset's perilous illegitimate
legislation to ban UNRWA activities

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**The Council of the League of Arab States at the level of
Permanent Representatives,**

In its extraordinary session at the General Secretariat headquarters on Thursday, October 31, 2024, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Yemen, at the request of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and with the support of all Member States, to deliberate on the urgent measures necessary to galvanize international support against the recent perilous illegitimate legislation passed by the Israeli Knesset, which bars the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) from operating in the occupied Palestinian territories,

- *Having considered* the note of the Secretariat,
- *Reaffirming* all previous resolutions on the Palestinian cause as the core concern of the Arab nation, *and considering* General Assembly Resolution 302 of 1949, which established the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA),
- *Acknowledging* the indispensable role of UNRWA in delivering essential services to Palestinian refugees, aimed at alleviating the grave living conditions confronting them in the camps and mitigating the sustained suffering since the outset of Israeli aggression on Gaza,
- *Considering* the statements made by the Permanent Representatives, Heads of Delegations, and the Representative of UNRWA in the opening session,

1. *Vehemently condemns* the Israeli Knesset's adoption of illegitimate legislation banning the activities of the UNRWA in the occupied Palestinian territory, and blocking its staff from accessing the diplomatic privileges and immunities afforded to United Nations agencies operating in these areas, including East Jerusalem, which constitute a blatant violation of international law and of Israel's responsibilities as the occupying Power, regarding it as null and void, forming part of a systematic campaign to undermine the agency, continuing efforts to dismantle it politically, and representing an unacceptable attempt to erase the Palestinian refugee issue;
2. *Affirms* the irreplaceable role of UNRWA in delivering humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, which has suffered ongoing Israeli aggression and cannot be assumed or replicated by any other international organization or body; *and categorically rejects* any attempt to transfer this responsibility to the occupying Power;
3. *Asserts* that the decisions of the occupying Power cannot override UN resolutions upholding the rights of Palestinian refugees to return and receive compensation, and thus must be considered null, void, and without merit, as well as a flagrant breach of international law; *and reaffirms* that the immunities and privileges granted to UNRWA and its personnel under international law and various international agreements are inviolable and must be respected by all parties;
4. *Emphasizes* that the measures taken against UNRWA constitute a grave breach of Israel's obligations as the occupying Power in the occupied Palestinian territory, in accordance with international law, international humanitarian law, the Fourth Geneva Convention, and the United Nations Charter, specifically, Article 2, Paragraph 5, mandating all states to respect the rights of international organizations, while Article 105 guarantees these organizations' independence and freedom to carry out their mandates, conflict with the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War and with the Convention on the Privileges and

Immunities of the United Nations of 1946, which upholds the autonomy of international agencies and their right to deliver unhindered humanitarian aid, contravene Security Council Resolution 2730 of May 24, 2024, which obliges Israel, as the occupying Power, to protect international institutions and the safety of humanitarian personnel, defy the International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion of July 19, 2024, affirming Israel's lack of sovereignty over the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, which falls within UNRWA's operational mandate, as well as General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/24, which called on Israel, among other obligations, to restore seized lands and assets since 1967 and to end its illegal presence in the occupied Palestinian territory within 12 months;

5. *Deems* Israeli practices and measures a violation of ICJ rulings affirming the protection of the Palestinian people against acts of genocide and other prohibited acts under Article III of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and a violation of interim measures issued by the ICJ on January 26, March 28, and May 24, 2024, which mandate Israel's compliance with its obligations as the occupying Power;
6. *Calls upon* the international community to sustain essential political and financial support for the Agency, enabling it to continue fulfilling its mandate across its five operational regions—an indispensable role that cannot be substituted or dispensed with—until a just solution to the Palestinian refugee issue is achieved and an independent, sovereign Palestinian state is established along the June 4, 1967 borders, aligning with the two-state solution framework as outlined in the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, emphasizing all its components, particularly the rights of return and compensation;
7. *Condemns* Israel's systematic targeting of the Agency and its personnel, resulting in the martyrdom of at least 237 staff members and the destruction and damage of over 200 Agency facilities in the Gaza Strip, as indiscriminate targeting of

- civilians who sought refuge in UNRWA facilities which has led to the martyrdom of hundreds seeking protection under the United Nations, with these violations constituting war crimes and acts of genocide necessitating accountability for those responsible to ensure justice and prevent impunity;
8. *Commends* the stance of fraternal and friendly countries, as well as civil society and non-governmental organizations, that have proactively issued statements rejecting these illegal Israeli laws and affirming their support for the Agency as the humanitarian arm of the United Nations in refugee-hosting areas;
 9. *Requests* the delegates of Arab countries in New York to coordinate with ambassadors and delegates from friendly nations and the United Nations Secretariat to call for a special session of the General Assembly—the very body that established UNRWA—to address the serious repercussions of these dangerous laws, with the session meant to adopt a resolution that denounces Israel’s illegal, unilateral measures and counters the misleading narrative aimed at vilifying the Agency;
 10. *Requests* that the Arab delegates in New York, in coordination with the Permanent Representative of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, the current non-permanent Arab member of the Security Council, call for an emergency Security Council session to urge the Council to adopt a resolution under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, compelling Israel to revoke its invalid legislation; *and calls on* the General Assembly to consider measures to suspend Israel’s participation as the occupying power in UN meetings, as per Articles 5 and 6 of the Charter;
 11. *Mandates* the missions of the League of Arab States and the Councils of Arab Ambassadors in friendly countries to rally international support against Israel's aggressive actions as the occupying Power, aimed at erasing the rights of Palestinian refugees and halting UNRWA’s operations in the occupied

Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem; *and urges* these countries to pressure Israel to annul these laws and warn it against the consequences of their continued enforcement;

12. *Calls upon* the Arab Parliament, the parliaments of Arab countries, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to exert pressure on the Israeli Knesset to halt its issuance of racist legislation, reverse its decision to cease UNRWA's activities and strip its diplomatic immunity, given that these actions blatantly violate international norms, agreements, and conventions; *and requests* a review of steps to suspend the Israeli Knesset's membership in the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to monitor the implementation of this Resolution, engage in necessary consultations with Arab states, ministerial councils, and relevant Arab organizations and funds; *and considers* the Council in an open session to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution.

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- **The Republic of Tunisia** supports the present Resolution on the measures needed to galvanize international support against the Israeli Knesset's illegitimate legislation banning UNRWA activities, with the exception of the reference to the borders of June 4, 1967 and the two-state solution, based on Tunisia's firm and supportive position for the Palestinian people in their struggle to regain their legitimate and inalienable rights, most notably the establishment of their independent and sovereign state over the entire territory, with Holy Jerusalem as its capital.

- **The Republic of Iraq** has reservations about the term (two-state solution) and anything that explicitly or implicitly refers to (Israel) as a state, requesting it be replaced with (the Israeli entity, the occupying Power) whenever stated because it is not consistent with the Iraqi laws in force.