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The Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)
on the World Refugee Day**

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On the occasion of the World Refugee Day, which comes a month after the commemoration of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the Nakba of Palestine in 1948, and in light of the continued crimes of Israeli aggression, genocide, and severe violations of international law and international humanitarian law, and the use of starvation and scorched-earth policies as methods of warfare, and the halting of the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, and in light of the declaration of Gaza as a famine zone, the representatives of the Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP) affirm what was stated in the resolutions of the Council of the League of Arab States (LAS) at the Summit and the Ministerial levels regarding the Palestinian cause, the latest of which are the statement issued by the Extraordinary Arab Summit “Palestine Summit” held in Cairo on March 4, 2025, and the resolutions of the LAS Ministerial Council’s Ordinary Session (163) held on April 23, 2025.

They reaffirm that the issue of Palestinian refugees is the core of the Palestinian cause, and they categorically reject any form of displacement of the Palestinian people from their land or within it. They condemn the Israeli decisions to halt the entry of humanitarian aid and the closure of crossings used in relief work. They emphasize the vital and irreplaceable role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and the necessity of supporting it financially, politically, and legally to carry out its mandate granted to it by United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 302 of 1949, in its five areas of operation. They also reject any attempts or measures to reduce its role, abolish it, replace it, or change the definition and legal status of the Palestinian refugee as part of systematic plans to liquidate the issue of Palestinian refugees. They call on the international community to continue providing the necessary and sustainable support to UNRWA, enabling it to continue bearing its full responsibilities towards Palestinian refugees and to avoid the collapse of its services, until the suffering of the refugees is ended and their individual and collective rights are fulfilled, especially their right to return to their homes from which they were displaced, and to redress the harm.

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They express deep concern regarding the severe shortage in funding provided to humanitarian organizations and UN agencies working in the field of refugee support, which has negatively impacted their ability to provide essential services to refugees and displaced persons. They stress that the continuation of this shortage endangers the lives of refugees and displaced persons, threatens humanitarian response efforts in crisis areas, and warns of serious consequences for the future of refugees and displaced persons and the countries and communities hosting them.

On this day, they emphasize the necessity for the international community to unite in finding practical and applicable solutions to address the root causes that have led to the increase in refugee and displacement flows, especially in the Arab region, which has been experiencing a steady increase in these flows for more than fourteen years. They call for doubling international efforts aimed at preventing and resolving conflicts and maintaining international peace and security. They stress the importance of striving to formulate a stronger and fairer response to situations of mass refugee flows and protracted asylum situations, and to provide greater support to refugees and displaced persons and to the countries and communities hosting them, and the activation of the principle of responsibility and burden-sharing, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees and the Pact for the Future. They also point out the need to work on linking humanitarian and development efforts to ensure the sustainability of supporting refugees, displaced persons, and their host communities, and to ensure that no one is left behind, in accordance with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

They also note that, within the framework of awareness that supporting refugees is not only a humanitarian issue but a shared commitment towards building a more just and peaceful world, and out of keenness to follow up on the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees at the regional level on an ongoing basis, and in recognition of the importance of good preparation for Arab participation in international forums held for this purpose, LAS General Secretariat (Social Affairs Sector – Refugees, Expatriates, and Migration Affairs Department) intends to hold a Regional Consultative Meeting in October 2025 in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in preparation for the High-Level Officials Meeting to be held in Geneva during December 2025.