



**The address of the Secretary-General of  
the League of Arab States on  
Cooperation between the Security  
Council and the League of Arab States  
at the informal interactive dialogue  
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The address of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, at the informal interactive dialogue session of the members of the Security Council and the Troika of the Arab Summit at the Ministerial Level under the chairmanship of Her Excellency Ms. Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia on "Cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States"

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Ladies and Gentlemen ◌

Allow me to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to Her Excellency Ms. Tanja Fajon for her initiative in convening this vital session at such a critical juncture. Our Arab region stands at a perilous crossroads — either we continue to slide into a catastrophe marked by unbridled violence that disregards all moral and legal norms, or we let the voice of reason and conscience prevail, demanding the immediate cessation of Israel's reckless war machine.

In just a few days, we will mark a full year since the Gaza tragedy began — a year filled with death, destruction, and displacement, compounded by global inaction, silence, and neutrality.



Gaza, which continues to bleed daily, waits in vain for salvation. Instead of relief, the horrors inflicted on Gaza are now being replicated across other Arab capitals. The cycle of killing and devastation has moved from Gaza, to the West Bank, and now to Lebanon.

Lebanon, Madam President, is a sovereign state, a member of this international organisation, and today its people are enduring indiscriminate killing on an unprecedented scale — far surpassing the tragedies they have suffered over the past fifteen or twenty years of their modern history .

Allow me to convey the sentiment that prevails throughout our region with the utmost frankness. The perception is that Israel operates as a state above the law, above the authority of this international organisation — whose very charter its representative has publicly torn apart — and outside the jurisdiction of this Council and its resolutions .

In December of last year, Resolution 2720 called for the immediate provision of aid to Gaza. In June 2024, Resolution 2735 demanded a ceasefire and the implementation of a prisoner exchange deal. In July, an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice crystallised the root cause of the conflict — the ongoing illegal occupation of Palestinian land .

Yet, these resolutions, passed by the highest decision-making bodies in the world, remain unenforced, disregarded by the ruthless machinery of occupation that continues its unchecked killing spree .

This disheartening and shameful reality undermines everything this Council stands for as the embodiment of international will. It is a reality that demands a fundamental change. For it is the silence in the face of such crimes that has emboldened the aggressor to persist .

Today, we are witnessing the expanding circle of fire, death, and destruction, threatening to unleash a wide-scale regional war whose painful consequences will extend far beyond the Arab region.

What is urgently required today, and at this very hour, is to step back from the brink of disaster. The unjust war on Gaza must end through a prisoner exchange agreement. This alone can halt the flames between Israel and Hezbollah, sparing



Lebanon from the perils of becoming another Gaza under the spectre of an Israeli plan.

This tragedy did not begin on 7 October, and returning to 6 October will offer no solution for any party. It will not bring security or peace to our region.

Neither the Palestinian nor Israeli sides are capable of achieving a solution or permanent settlement on their own. The occupation remains resolute in its refusal to relinquish land—indeed, all of the land. Its legislative bodies pass resolutions openly rejecting the two-state solution, and its leaders make no attempt to conceal their stance; rather, they take pride in it.

It is time for decisive international intervention, led by your esteemed Council, to impose a just solution based on the two-state vision and the well-established principles that were agreed upon more than thirty years ago. We do not seek mere rhetoric about peace; we seek the courage to transform it into a lived reality for peoples and nations alike.

Thank you, Mr. President.