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Speakers of the Arab Parliaments and their representatives, gathered at the 25th Urgent Conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union on the 27th of July 2017 in Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Habib El Malki, President of the Union and Speaker of the House of Representatives in Morocco, following the escalation of measures and acts of repression practiced by the Israeli occupation authorities against Palestinian people, particularly in Al-Aqsa Mosque,

Continuing their condemnation of the Israeli repression and killing practices against Palestinian people who are struggling for their legitimate rights,

Recalling their duty to defend Holy Jerusalem and express solidarity with Palestinian people in their steadfastness in the face of Israeli repressive and racist practices and measures, and their legitimate historical struggle for independence, the establishment of an independent state with Holy Jerusalem as its capital and guaranteeing the right of refugees to return,

Having discussed the crucial circumstances in which the Palestine question is going through, in the context of turbulent region, which the Israeli government is primarily benefiting from in the implementation of its settlement and repressive schemes,

Driven by their political duty as representatives of peoples and voices of public opinion in their own countries, they:

- 1- Strongly reject and denounce the measures that have been taken or to be taken by the Israeli occupation authorities in al-Aqsa Mosque, its surrounding and all of Holy Jerusalem, including their attempt to install technical, security and control mechanisms to block access to Al-Aqsa Mosque. They consider such measures as aggression and provocation by the occupation authorities and a new episode of the Israeli repression and confiscation of Palestinian people rights. They also confirm that these measures, which were accompanied by killing and repression acts against Palestinian people, are persistent violations of the most basic human rights

- by Israel which has been practicing such measures against Palestinian people, and revealing the real face of the occupation;
- 2- Strongly reject and denounce all Israeli measures to alter the features of the city and obliterate its Islamic, Christian, and Arabic identity, and confiscate Palestinian properties, including houses, neighborhoods, farms, historical and architectural symbols and geographical landmarks;
 - 3- Consider recent Israeli measures in Holy Jerusalem as policies that push the region towards a religious war, and a forfeiture of the right to worship freely as a basic human right;
 - 4- Participants in the urgent session call upon the United Nations and the UNISCO to shoulder their full responsibilities in protecting the archaeological heritage and the historical monuments in Palestine, foremost among them Al-Aqsa Mosque, against the unabating Israeli measures aimed at changing and destroying their identity. They also call upon implementing international charter and conventions to protect the human heritage during times of occupation and war, in particular the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their two additional protocols in the aspect of protecting the historical, cultural and religious monuments;
 - 5- Participants in the urgent session highly praise and appreciate the efforts of His Majesty, King Mohammed VI, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, for exerting international efforts to defend Holy Jerusalem, preserve its landmarks and heritage and its Arab character, support its people's steadfastness, and improve a number of services in the field of education, monuments' restoration and social welfare through Jerusalem Fund. They also highly praise the efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty, King Salman bin Abdul Aziz for exerting international efforts and contacts for Holy Jerusalem, as well as the efforts of His Majesty King Abdullah II in his capacity as the guardian of the holy sites in Jerusalem;
 - 6- Affirm that the Palestine question is superior to other issues and call for action to mobilize international support for the Palestinian question;
 - 7- Call for working with Arab governments and civil society organizations to provide financial support to the families of Palestinian martyrs and those whose homes were demolished. They propose the establishment of a parliamentary support fund for Al-Aqsa Mosque and Holy Jerusalem;
 - 8- Assign the Committee for supporting the steadfastness of Palestinian People, established pursuant to the twenty-third session of the AIPU, under the chair of H.E. Mr. Marzooq Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the Kuwaiti National Assembly, and the parliament speakers of Morocco, Jordan, Palestine and Algeria, to visit a number of influential countries in terms of international resolution. Their purpose is to meet their leaders and parliaments and speak about the continuous Israeli violations of the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Palestine;

- 9- Participants in this session are committed to follow-up necessary contacts within the framework of the multilateral parliamentary organizations and national parliaments in order to exert more pressure on the Israeli occupation government to stop its arbitrary and illegal measures in Al-Aqsa Mosque, Holy Jerusalem and all the occupied territories, stop the settlements and lift the siege imposed on Palestinian people, and sit at the negotiation table under international auspices in a way that leads to put an end to the Israeli occupation of Arab territories in the near future in addition to setting a clear timetable;
- 10- Salute the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in general; and those stationed in Holy Jerusalem in particular, for protecting and defending, with bare chests and hearts full of faith and dignity, the first Qibla of the Muslims and the site of the ascension of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. They also pray mercy for Al-Aqsa Martyrs, wishing a speedy recovery to the wounded and freedom to prisoners, and they highly appreciate the growing aspects of Arab, Islamic and international support to the Palestinian people uprising to save the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque;
- 11- They categorically reject all Israeli proposals related to Greater Jerusalem and any other proposals to resolve the issue of Holy Jerusalem based on putting it under international tutelage. They stress that Arab Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine, is the East Jerusalem with its recognized borders, which existed prior to the Israeli occupation on the 5th of June 1967, as set out in UN Resolution 242, Resolution 2334 and dozens of other resolutions that considered the occupied East Jerusalem as part of the other occupied Palestinian territories. They also demand the opening of all doors of Al-Aqsa Mosque, refusing to set age limits of worshipers who wish to enter the mosque, and insisting to restore all conditions as they existed prior to July 14th;
- 12- Confirm that Holy Jerusalem with its Al-Aqsa Mosque and all the holy places, including churches, mosques and other places of heritage are the exclusive property of Palestinian people who built them by their own civilization, sanctuary and money since the birth of the city, as confirmed by the relevant laws, resolutions and organizations, including UNESCO;
- 13- They call on the IPU to condemn the Israeli Knesset for the adoption of racist laws, especially the new draft law passed by the Israeli Knesset under the so-called "Unified Jerusalem", which violates relevant international resolutions, and imposes new obstacles to achieving peace in the region. They urge Arab parliaments to submit a draft resolution on violations of the Israeli occupation in Palestine to the next session of the IPU Conference as an emergency item;
- 14- Call for bringing pressure to bear on Israel to free Palestinian prisoners, especially those who were arrested and kidnapped during the last uprising in defense of Al-Aqsa Mosque;

- 15- Express their pride in the manifestations of solidarity and harmony embodied in the participation of Christian clergies and churches that opened doors for the muezzins to call for prayers within their sanctity, and joined hands in the defense of Al-Aqsa Mosque confronting the occupation;
- 16- Express their appreciation and thanks to the Kingdom of Morocco, as King, people, parliament and government, for hosting this urgent session of the Union and providing all reasons for its success. This is an addition and confirmation at the same time of the steady and central role of the Kingdom whose His Majesty King Mohammed VI chairs the Jerusalem Committee, to defend the Holy City and support the steadfastness of its people.

Done in Rabat on 27 July 2017
