



## Doha Declaration

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We, the participants at the International Conference on Jerusalem held at Doha, Capital of the State of Qatar 26-27/2/2012 in implementation of Resolution 503 dated 28/3/2010, of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Arab Summit "Sirt Summit" billed as "Jerusalem Summit". The International Conference on Jerusalem convened under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar. The Conference was also attended by HE Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Head of State of Palestine, HE Dr. Nabil El Arabi, Secretary General of the League of Arab States, and Excellencies the Arab ministers of foreign affairs. Additionally, a number of prominent figures also took part in the Conference featuring heads of international and regional organizations and agencies, human rights organizations and unions, religious figures, thinkers, legal, political and history professionals demonstrating a large historical gathering worldwide in solidarity with the Palestinian people in Al Quds, regarding their legitimate rights and fundamental principles well established thereto,

In support to Al Quds, vowing to pursue further for supporting its steadfastness and persistence of its people in standing up against the Judaization of this [sempiternal](#) city, the city of tolerance, religions' coexistence and civilizations commingling throughout time until the occupation,

Having conducted an insightful study of the current situation of the city as well as the major challenges confronting its Arab identity coupled with Judaization threats, including the forced eviction of its population, sustainable and progressive measures involving the destruction of its



Islamic and Christian sanctities, and obliterating its history and human heritage,

Reiterating our commitment to the legitimacy resolutions, international conventions and agreements, adhering to the noble principles contained in the UN Charter pertaining to the International Law and Humanitarian International Law for the purpose of restoring Al Quds as a city where peace, security, freedom and justice prevail, and stressing that Al Quds is the permanent capital of the State of Palestine,

- We, hereby, extend a salute in great respect and reverence to the Palestinian people in Al Quds for their steadfastness and resistance to all Israeli violations committed against this city, its sanctities, history and heritage,

- We, hereby, welcome the call of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar, for making Al Quds and its freedom a focal point for all Palestinians as well as a stimulus for completing conciliation and bringing division to an end,

- We commend and support the proposal made by His Highness for resorting to the Security Council in order to obtain a resolution entailing setting up an international committee to examine all measures taken by Israel since 1967 occupation in Arab Al Quds intended to eradicate its Islamic and Arab features,

- We, happily receive, His Highness call for developing a comprehensive and extended strategy on the different sectors and projects needed for Al Quds, Qatar is ready to contribute all its potentials to achieving the said strategy as well as putting it into force,

- We, hereby, reiterate that forced eviction of Al Quds population by means of the Judaization plans, denying the right, obliterating the history and heritage, usurping land, and confiscating properties are violations of the International Law and Humanitarian International Law. Therefore, we are calling upon the international powers that are silent about Israeli violations to assume their responsibilities and oblige Israel for



implementing all international resolutions relevant to Al Quds. Additionally, we are calling upon all relevant agencies of the UN to assume their responsibility towards Al Quds and its population, ensuring their enjoyment of their city, complete civic, economic, and social rights, preserving its sanctities, historical landmarks and human heritage,

- We, hereby, call upon the Swiss Government, depositary state of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, to hasten calling for the resumption of the Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 in enforcement to the UN General Assembly Resolutions thereto. It is intended to take the necessary measures for bringing the Israeli violations to an end, protecting Al Quds, its people and sanctities.

- We, hereby, express deep concern towards the ongoing Israeli work of digging and excavations in the blessed Al Aqsa in the old city. Such acts seriously affect the City's unique characteristic at the religious, cultural, historical and demographic levels. They also contradict the UNESCO and UN resolutions relevant to the occupied city as well as the principles of International Law, specially, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Properties of 1954.

- We, hereby, demanding free people worldwide to defend Al Quds, support its population and sanctities as this is deemed a humanitarian and civilization obligation and duty. It is also considered a right imposed by virtue of the principles of International Law as well as provisions of the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention, and the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Properties in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954, 1972 Convention for the Protection of World Cultural and Historical Heritage, in addition to the international legitimacy resolutions regarding Al Quds status as an occupied city, and the relevant UNESCO resolutions.

- We, hereby, call upon the Israeli authorities to put an end to the unilateral policies, and measures of imposing the status quo in Al Quds including the immediate stopping of all settlement activities, removing the



Israeli West Bank Barrier in accordance with the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), preserving Islamic and Christian sanctities, securing the accessibility thereto, and refraining from changing the city's geographic, political and demographic status for the purpose of implementing its Judaization plans.

- We, hereby, call upon the UNESCO to preserve the occupied Al Quds cultural heritage based on its resolutions thereunto, enforcing the eighth clause of its Executive Council resolution 35x/49, R. xc (amended 185xc/14 and 185 xc/52) calling for the appointment of one or more prominent and permanent experts whose headquarters would be East Al Quds in order to regularly report on all aspects related to the educational, cultural, and population situation in Al Quds.

- Appreciating the efforts of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan geared towards supporting the Endowments in Al Quds, the role of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein in supporting Al Quds, protecting sanctities and persistence of Maqdeseen (inhabitants of Al Quds), specially, the endeavors exerted in UNESCO for the purpose of obtaining consensus resolution obliging Israel to refrain from taking unilateral measures aimed at changing the road features of Moghrabi Gate.

- In conclusion, we extend our thanks to the State of Qatar, the Emir, Government and people, for hosting this Conference, providing all possible means that would ensure its success, demonstrating support and standing by Al Quds and its steadfast people against the Israeli occupation as well as the continuous plans for Judaizing the City.

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