Report on the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on Israeli Attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque

In response to a call by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, an Extraordinary Meeting for the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers was held on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on 1 October 2015 in New York.

The meeting was chaired by of Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait, in his capacity as Chair of the 42nd Session of the CFM. In addition to the Chair's address, statements were delivered by the OIC Secretary General, Iyad Ameen Madani, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Adel Al-Jubeir, and Palestine's Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah. Interventions were also made by the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Kingdom of Morocco in additions to representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

1. Statements highlighted the following:

- Israeli assaults on Al- Aqsa Mosque, and its attempts to divide it temporally or spatially through repeated incursions and raids by the occupation forces and extremists are serious violations and could transform the conflict into a religious war, which will have serious bearings on regional and international peace and security.
- The UN Security Council should uphold its prime responsibility of preserving peace and security, and compelling Israel to end its practices, as well as adopting a resolution to end the Israeli occupation, and establish the independent Palestinian state according to the relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative
- Should the Security Council fail to shoulder its responsibilities, the OIC Group should work for convening the General Assembly under "United for peace".
- The legal track should also be explored by establishing a group of legal experts, to propose legal options to be pursued for achieving accountability to Israeli violations.

- Embracing a sustainable policy of supporting Alquds.
- The OIC Ministerial Contact Group should resume its visits to world capitals, in support of the Palestinian cause.
- The need to convene the Islamic Summit on developments in Al-Quds, called for by the Palestinian president, as soon as possible.
- The need to lift the blockade on Gaza.
- 2. The meeting adopted a resolution titled "Resolution of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Israeli Attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque"
- 3. The head of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran said that his delegation's support to the above resolution, does not imply Iran's recognition of Israel".
