

**Report of the
Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers to Discuss
the Situation in Gaza**

June 8, 2024

Dolmabahçe Working Office, Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye

The Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers was held on 8 June 2024 in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, to discuss the situation in Gaza. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Hakan Fidan, the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye. The Foreign Ministers/Delegates from all Member States of the D-8 Organization attended. List of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the meeting and welcome address by H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

H.E. Hakan Fidan, the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye delivered his opening statement and welcomed the Foreign Ministers and the delegates to the Extraordinary Session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers held to discuss the situation in Gaza. His statement is attached as **Annex II**.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Council considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting which is attached as **Annex III**.

Agenda Item 3: Statement by H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, the Secretary General of D-8

The D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, delivered his statement by welcoming the Foreign Ministers and the delegates to the meeting. His statement is attached as **Annex IV**.

Agenda Item 4: Statement by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegations of the D-8 Member States

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegations of the D-8 Member States delivered their respective statements. Their statements are attached as **Annex V**.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Declaration on the Situation in Gaza

The Council considered and adopted the Declaration on the Situation in Gaza. The adopted Declaration is attached as **Annex VI**.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers

Before adopting the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers, the Council reviewed the following comments from Member States:

Iran proposed that D-8 Foreign Ministers/Deputies Foreign Ministers should meet monthly/bi-monthly in the host country of the D-8 Secretariat, the Republic of Türkiye, to continue the discussion on the situation in Gaza, until the war is over.

- i. Egypt informed the Council that they will consult the Capital on Iran's proposal, and will inform the D-8 Secretariat of their decision, in due course.
- ii. Malaysia and Bangladesh proposed that the follow-up meetings could be held at the level of the D-8 Ambassadors to Türkiye/D-8 Commissioners.
- iii. Indonesia proposed that the Council could consider meeting at the margin of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) sessions, including during the 79th Session of the UNGA in September 2024, to compare notes and review progress made by the D-8 Member States in their endeavours to support Palestine. Member States welcomed the idea and added that the D-8 Ministers could also meet at other international engagements, such as the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Council of Ministers Meeting (OIC CFM).
- iv. The D-8 Secretary General informed the Council that the Secretariat proposed at the 46th/47th Session of the D-8 Commission to establish a D-8 Contact Group in all Capitals of D-8 Member States. The proposed Contact Group may be assigned to follow-up the situation in Gaza.

After reviewing the comments, the Council adopted the Report of its Extraordinary Meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Closing Remarks by H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

H.E. Hakan Fidan, the Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye delivered his closing remarks and adjourned the Meeting. His remarks are attached as **Annex VII**.

List of Delegations
Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers to Discuss the Situation in Gaza

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Dolmabahçe Working Office, Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye

Country	Name and Designation
Bangladesh (2 Members)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni, MP (Head of Delegation) Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare2. Mme. Wahida Ahmed Director General (International Organizations), D-8 Commissioner of Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Egypt	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. H.E. Amr ElHamamy Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of Türkiye, Embassy of Egypt in Ankara
Indonesia (12 Members)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. H.E. Retno L.P. Marsudi (Head of Delegation) Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs5. H.E. Achmad Rizal Purnama Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Türkiye6. Mr. Darianto Harsono Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Istanbul7. Mr. Rolliansyah Soemirat Chief of Staff of the Office of the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs8. Ms. Yvonne Elizabeth Mewengkeng Deputy Director, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs9. Mr. Agustinus Anindityo Adi Primasto Deputy Director, Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs10. Mr. Muhammad Jaki Nurhasya Staff Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs11. Ms. Salsabila Siliwangi Sutirwa Staff

	<p>Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs</p> <p>12. Mr. Dhanny Perkasa Counsellor The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Ankara</p> <p>13. Ms. Fitriyani Riduan Counsellor The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Ankara</p> <p>14. Mr. Darusman Afrikoko Vice-Consul The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Istanbul</p> <p>15. Mr. Achmad Kautsar Prasetyo The Minister's Official Photographer/Media Person</p> <p>16. Mr. Al Mufqi Shaquille Azharsyah The Embassy's Official Photographer/Media</p>
<p>Iran (12 Members)</p>	<p>17. H.E. Dr. Ali Bagheri (Head of Delegation) Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>18. Mr. Mohammad Hassan Habibollahzadeh Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Türkiye, Embassy of Iran in Ankara</p> <p>19. Mr. Jalaleddin Alavi-Sebzevari D-8 Commissioner of Iran Director General of the Multilateral and International Economic Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>20. Mr. Mahdi Sushteri Assistant to the Minister and Director General for West Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>21. Mr. Mahmoud Heidari Assistant to the Minister and Director General for Mediterranean and Eastern Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>22. Mr. Mohsen Shamsizadeh Deputy Director General for Internal Press of the Diplomatic Center</p> <p>23. Mr. Saeid Hariri Head of Ceremonies and Delegations Department</p> <p>24. Mr. Ahmad Mohammadi Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Istanbul</p> <p>25. Mr. Behzad Saberi Ansari Advisor to the Minister for Legal Affairs and Senior Expert,</p>

	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>26. Mr. Esmail Baghaei HAMANE Assistant to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>27. Mr. Reza Dehgahani Deputy Head of Legal Strategy Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>28. Mr. Alireza Jalalali Legal Strategy Department Specialist Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
Malaysia (5 Members)	<p>29. H.E. Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan (Head of Delegation) Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>30. Mr. Mohd Hasril Abdul Hamid Undersecretary of OIC and Regional Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>31. Ms. Rafiqah Hazura Md Ridzuan Principal Assistant Secretary OIC and Regional Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>32. Mr. Mhd Irfan Shahriza Ahmad Foreign Minister's Office</p> <p>33. Mr. Eussuv Al Fayyadh Media</p>
Nigeria	<p>34. H.E. Zayyad Abdussalam Charge d'affaires a.i, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Ankara</p>
Pakistan (8 Members)	<p>35. H.E. Mohammad Ishaq Dar Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister</p> <p>36. Dr. Yousaf Junaid Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Türkiye</p> <p>37. Amb. Rizwan Ahmed Sheikh Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>38. Mr. Nauman Aslam Consul General of Pakistan to Istanbul</p> <p>39. Syed Atif Raza</p>

	<p>Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara</p> <p>40. Qazi Saleem Ahmed Khan Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara</p> <p>41. Danish Mehmood Deputy Consul General of Pakistan to Istanbul</p> <p>42. Ms. Mahroo Arshad Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara</p>
Türkiye (2 Members)	<p>43. H.E. Hakan Fidan (Head of Delegation) Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>44. Ms. Esen Altuğ D-8 Commissioner of Türkiye, Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
D-8 Secretariat	<p>45. H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam Secretary-General of the D-8</p> <p>46. Mr. Ahmar Ismail Director for Administrative, Legal, and Internal Affairs</p> <p>47. Mr. Punjul Setya Nugraha Director for Economy, Implementation, and External Relations</p> <p>48. Mr. Md. Biplob Tarafder Programme Officer</p> <p>49. Mr. M. Bilal Khan Executive Assistant</p> <p>50. Ms. Zahra Setareh Executive Assistant</p> <p>51. Mr. Ilham Uludağ Media and Protocol Assistant</p>

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
MEETING OF D-8 ON GAZA
(8 June 2024, Istanbul)**

**Dear Ministers, Mr. Secretary General and
Esteemed Colleagues,**

Next week, we will be celebrating the twenty seventh anniversary of D-8.

D-8 is representing 1.2 billion people with a combined GDP of almost 5 trillion dollars and spreading over three continents.

Today as the D-8 countries, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Türkiye, we strongly voice our support for Palestine from Istanbul.

This organization was established on six principles:

- peace,
- dialogue,
- cooperation,
- justice,
- equality,
- and democracy.

As the world faces many challenges and uncertainties, these principles are all the more relevant now.

This extraordinary Ministerial Council meeting aims at mobilising further support and demonstrating solidarity for Palestine.

More than ever, Gaza needs hope and support, but above all, it needs action.

This war is not a war of Israel-Palestine anymore but a challenge to global democracy.

International system is collapsing due to hypocrisy and blindness of certain countries.

What has been transpiring before our very own eyes for the last eight months in Gaza is an erosion of norms and values.

Continuation of Israeli carnage is triggering further societal escalation and public anger.

Given that the international system fails to deliver a solution;

it is up to us, as the Muslim world to own the problem and take the lead for a lasting solution.

As Türkiye, we are for the principle that regional solutions should be developed for regional problems.

Actually, we are delighted to see that this approach also resonates within the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC).

Since the very first days of the war, Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) decisively took action.

It is the first time Muslim world demonstrated such a resolved stance in its own regional problems.

In November, we had formed the Contact Group within OIC/Arab League. We had travelled many continents and held various high-level meetings.

We are delighted to see tangible outcomes of these efforts. Many countries changed their policies and recognized the just cause of Palestine.

In addition to OIC, efforts of Muslim world continue under different fora such as Arab League, Organization of Turkic States and Gulf Cooperation Council.

These undertakings are all components of a comprehensive approach for creating a systematic leverage against Israel.

Due to Israel's attempts to escalate the war, our brothers and sisters are under increasing threat in the region and beyond.

- Recent incident at the Egyptian border,

- Targeting Lebanon and
- Attack against the Iranian consulate in Syria

are examples of this regional spill-over.

D-8 is another platform to show our solidarity against Israeli aggression. This is also a venue for supporting our brothers in the region in these difficult times.

We also appreciate Egypt for the outstanding role in the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.

Dear Colleagues,

Israel has committed all crimes under international law one after the other.

What is happening in Gaza is a disgrace to humanity.

Standing with Gaza against such tyranny and oppression is a duty we should all fulfil in the name of humanity.

It is a struggle to uphold dignity;

--against occupation, annexation and illegal settlements.

As D-8 countries, we stand with and behind the Palestinian cause.

Our meeting today is a reaffirmation of our commitment.

It is a declaration of our willingness to use every forum available to secure the rights of the Palestinians.

We have no doubt: Those who perpetrated the massacre in Gaza will eventually be held accountable.

Those who stand for a peaceful future for Palestine will end up winning.

And we are working very hard to make that happen.

From the outset, we have been firmly committed to the two-state solution. The establishment of a sovereign, independent and contiguous state of Palestine on the 1967 lines with East Jerusalem as its capital is a precondition.

To date, 148 (one hundred forty eight) countries have recognised the State of Palestine.

With the addition of Spain, Norway, Ireland and, most recently, Slovenia, the vast majority of countries have declared their opposition to this historic injustice.

The rest of the countries will eventually follow suit.

At one point, Palestine will be a full member of the UN. We steadily call on the others to recognize the State of Palestine.

It is high time that the UN Security Council should heed this call and not be kept hostage to one country.

Dear friends,

Palestine currently needs all possible political, economic and legal support to function as a full state.

Our efforts are therefore currently focused on

-sustained, unimpeded and continuous humanitarian access to Gaza; and

-an immediate and lasting ceasefire.

Let me note that Israel has always been the party who rejects and manipulates the ceasefire efforts.

We must work for a just and lasting peace after securing a permanent ceasefire.

This can only be achieved by diplomacy and compromise.

There is no other choice but an independent and sovereign Palestine State is established.

This is a must for the safety and security of Israeli people as well as regional and international stability.

For that, it is time to think outside the box and away from the box of tried and tested approaches.

As Türkiye, we are ready to make every effort to this end and support this viable options.

We will be side by side with our Palestinian brothers to form their state, to reconstruct Gaza from its ruins and strengthening Palestinian unity.

Thank you.



**Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers to Discuss the Situation in
Gaza**
(8 June 2024, Istanbul, Dolmabahçe Working Office)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and welcome address by H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye
2. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Agenda
3. Statement by H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, the Secretary General of D-8
4. Statements by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegation
5. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Declaration on the Situation in Gaza
6. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the Extraordinary Session of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers
7. Closing Remarks by H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR ISIAKA
ABDULQADIR IMAM, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF D-8, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE D-8
COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS HELD AT DOLMABAHC
PALACE, ISTANBUL, 8 JUNE 2024**

**Your Excellency Mr.Hakan Fidan, the Honorable Minister of
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, our host.**

**Your Excellencies Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the D-8 Member
States.**

Distinguished Heads of Delegation.

Dear Delegates.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Asalam o Alaikum and Good Morning to you all.

We are meeting here today, against dire and somber situation in Palestine. Our brothers and sisters in Palestinian Territory are facing inhumane and barbaric atrocities, in the hands of the occupying Power, the State of Israel.

Before continuing, Excellencies, I want to offer my deep condolences to the Government and the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the untimely demise of His Excellency President Seyyid Ebrahim Raisi and His Excellency Foreign Minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, and their entourage. I pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow Jannah upon them and to console the bereaved nation.

I also commiserate with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for the sudden passing of our esteemed colleague, the late D-8

Commissioner for Pakistan, Dr. Diyar Khan. We will continue to cherish his memory and contributions to the work of the D-8 Commission.

May I, humbly, request one minute's silence in memory and honour of the departed souls.

***Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen.***

I applaud the Government of the Republic of Türkiye's initiative for organizing this Extraordinary Session. I commend the officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye, who worked hard to make excellent arrangements for the meeting, in a short period of time. My staff from the D-8 Secretariat also deserve commendation for their efforts, in organizing this important meeting.

Allow me also to convey my utmost gratitude to the esteemed Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Heads of Delegation of the D-8 Member States, here today. Your Excellencies' presence, is a testament to your staunch support and solidarity with the people of Palestine.

***Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen.***

This is the first time that the esteemed Ministers of Foreign Affairs of our Member States are meeting to bolster our support for Palestine. Since last year, we have witnessed the most inhumane and barbaric atrocities committed by the occupying power, Israel, against the Palestinian people. While most countries have been silent, and watching the horrific act in Palestine, we, at the D8,

must not! We hold it as a duty to the citizens of our member states, and to humanity at large, to voice our support for Palestine.

Indeed, our member states have risen to the clarion call and offered generous humanitarian support to the people of Gaza, since the outbreak of the hostilities in October, 2023. Therefore, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all member states that have provided humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza. The gesture and solidarity shown by all D-8 member states, are truly commendable and deeply appreciated.

You will recall, **Excellencies**, that, in solidarity with the Palestinian people, we issued the Joint Communiqué during the 47th Session of the D-8 Commission, held in Dhaka in October 2023. The Communiqué calls for an immediate ceasefire and the opening of

humanitarian corridor to allow for food and medicine and other necessities to reach the people of Gaza.

The next phase, following a ceasefire, will involve the rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced people. It will also involve the reconstruction of the infrastructures that have been completely destroyed by the ongoing brutal bombardment by Israel on Gaza. I am confident that our member states will play an active role in the rehabilitation and the rebuilding process.

Allow me to add, Excellencies, we need to relentlessly call on the UN, as the primary global body for upholding global peace and security, to be more proactive in ending the slaughter in Palestine. Gladly, the majority of the United Nations members have now supported the State of Palestine's accession, as a full member. We must keep the momentum going to make it happen.

**Honourable Ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

I trust this noble Session will come up with a tangible and impactful outcome, to help end the Palestinian's endless suffering. At the end of today's meeting, we will issue a declaration. I trust that the declaration will cement our commitment, collective voice, and solidarity, with the besieged people of Gaza.

Before concluding, **Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen**, allow me to reiterate my profound appreciation to the esteemed Ministers and Heads of Delegation that are attending this noble Session. We applaud Your Excellencies' demonstrated commitment and dedication to helping the cause of the Palestinian people. My thanks also go to the Government of the Republic of Türkiye,

through you, **Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan**, for hosting this landmark and momentous meeting.

I hope this meeting will pave the way for alleviating the sufferings of the people of Gaza. Also, I pray that we can all witness an independent and liberated State of Palestine, very soon, In Sha Allah, where peace will prevail throughout the region.

Thank you.

**Extraordinary D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting
to Discuss the Situation in Gaza**

Istanbul, 8 June 2024

**Statement by
H.E. Dr Ali Bagheri Kani
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

*In the Name of Allah
the Most Beneficent, the Most Gracious*

**Mr Chairman; Mr Secretary General;
Distinguished Ministers; Ladies and Gentlemen;**

As-salamu alaykum;

At the outset, I would like to thank the Government of Türkiye for this important initiative and for their warm and sincere hospitality. I would also like to appreciate the efforts of Mr Secretary General and his colleagues in the D-8 Secretariat for preparing for this important meeting.

Let me continue with paying tribute to the late President and Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Raisi and Dr. Amirabdollahian who contributed outstandingly to efforts and consultations with the Islamic countries in the last 8 months to support Palestinian people against genocide and mass killing perpetrated by Zionist Regime in Gaza.

It has been eight months since the attacks by the Zionist regime and, alas, all we continue to get is nonfeasance on the part of the international community which would otherwise have to put an end to these unexampled crimes. The current situation in the Rafah Crossing has shoved the world to the cusp of yet another humanitarian disaster. By applying the policy of collective punishment, the occupying regime is pursuing the sinister and dangerous goal of societal collapse in Gaza by making it uninhabitable – an act that is regarded as a clear manifestation of war crimes and genocide. Notwithstanding, the solidarity of Muslim countries can forestall the continuance of these crimes and that policy.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that Muslim countries and the D-8 Member States alike ought to marshal the entirety of their capacities to pivot all focus to that direction. Severing the vital arteries of the Zionist regime, breaking off political and economic ties and embargoing the oil, energy, and goods of the Zionist regime are among necessary measures against its butchery and annihilation in Gaza.

Recognising the acknowledged right of the Palestinian nation and their legitimate resistance to aggression and occupation, based on principles of international law, recognising the Israeli regime as a terrorist regime, and establishing a special international mission to bring Israel's crimes before international courts are amongst other effective measures that Member States can take at this critical juncture in time. In this regard, the recent ruling of the International Court of Justice on Rafah, which revolves around 3 fundamental axes of 'cessation of aggression', 'ensuring the unimpeded entry of humanitarian aid' and 'the

establishment of an international fact-finding mission', can be used as basis.

We believe that true and all-out peace, stability, and security in the Middle East will not be achieved unless the two issues of 'ending the occupation completely' by and 'nuclear disarmament' of the Zionist regime have been worked out. In this context, we have proposed two initiatives: First, the 'National Referendum Across the Palestinian Territory' plan with the participation of the true residents of Palestine, inclusive of Muslims, Christians and Jews, to determine their own destiny and the future political system of Palestine; and second, the 'Middle East Free of Nuclear Armament and Weapons of Mass Destruction' initiative.

This is obvious that the occupying regime does not stop unless encountered with force. The "True Promise Operation", conducted by the Islamic Republic of Iran to punish the occupying regime, was a clear testimony in this regard.

Mr Chairman; Dear Colleagues;

The adoption of double-standard policies by certain Western powers has been a main reason contributing to the boldness of the Zionist regime in its continued law-breaking spree and continued derision of international laws and norms. Notwithstanding its political plans on Gaza, the United States is not honest in putting an end to genocide in Gaza. Rather, the occupying regime brutally kills women and children utilizing the most sophisticated US weapons and arms designed for specific military targets.

It is necessary for our meeting today to communicate a clear message about the necessity and urgency of setting this irresponsible and hypocritical approach to rights.

In conclusion, I should like to offer a number of practical proposals for consideration and decision in this important meeting:

1. Establishment of a 'D-8 Advocacy Programme for Palestine' which would have on agenda the collective participation of Member States in and their contributions to the development and reconstruction needs of Palestine;
2. Leveraging D-8 support to convenion of an international conference on the reconstruction of Gaza and establishment of an Islamic fund to raise and collect financial assistance from Islamic countries;
3. Establishment of a D-8 Contact Group on Palestine to partner with its counterpart OIC Contact Group in pursuing, at international level, to put an end to the war against Gaza and dispatching international humanitarian aids;
4. Ending and suspending all political, economic and trade relations with Zionist regime.
5. Designating Zionist regime occupying army as well as its security forces as "terrorist organizations" for their committing genocide, war crimes and blatant violation of human rights and international humanitarian law;

6. D-8 support to designation of Israeli regime as an “Apartheid entity”, as well as joint efforts by D-8 member states to revive UNGA resolution 3379;
7. D-8 support to comprehensive Palestinian talks with the participation of all Palestinian groups aimed at consensus and national unity building as well as agreeing on the administration of Palestinian lands and organizing election following the end of war;
8. D-8 request for suspension of membership of Zionist regime in international organizations as well as ban on its participation in international events, including upcoming Olympic in Paris;
9. Establishment by D-8 of a joint legal committee with a mandate to extend legal support to Palestine in the international legal processes such as ICJ, ICC, etc.

Once again, I appreciate the opportunity that was afforded in order to exchange views on this issue of import. I hope that this meeting will have practical and immediate upshot in alleviating the pains and suffering of the noble people of Gaza.

I thank you for your attention.

STATEMENT BY

HIS EXCELLENCY

DATO' SERI UTAMA HAJI

MOHAMAD BIN HAJI HASAN,

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAYSIA

AT

**THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
THE D-8 COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN GAZA**

ISTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE

8 JUNE 2024

His Excellency Hakan Fidan,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkiye,
Chair of the Extraordinary Meeting

His Excellency Ambassador Isiaka Abdulkadir Imam,
Secretary-General of the D-8

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

1. At the outset, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Chair and host, the Government of the Republic of Turkiye, for convening this important Meeting, and the warm hospitality accorded to me and my delegation.
2. Also, our congratulations to the Arab Republic of Egypt, for assuming the Chairmanship of the D-8 Organisation, for the next three years. We are confident that the D-8 will continue to progress under Egypt's leadership.

3. I would also like, to heartily congratulate my dear friend, Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on Pakistan's recent appointment, to a non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council. Malaysia wishes Pakistan all the best for its two-year term at the UNSC beginning next year.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Before I proceed further, I would like to reflect on the tragedy that took place three weeks ago on 19 May 2024, which claimed the lives of the late President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi, and the Foreign Minister, His Excellency Hossein Amir Abdollahian, along with other officials.

5. Our profound condolences to the families of the deceased, and the Government and people of Iran.

May Allah SWT shower their souls in peace and place them among the righteous.

Mr. Chairman,

6. It has been two-hundred-and-forty-five days since we were forced to witness, in real-time, the slaughter of thousands of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip – by all accounts, a clear case of genocide that has so far gone unchecked.

7. It is disconcerting and unsettling, to know that eight months on, the situation in Palestine has not shown any signs of abating. The fundamental rights of the Palestinians, which include the right to life, and the right to self-determination, continue to be ignored and violated.

8. Despite the additional provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice on 24 May 2024, which indeed managed to generate a sense of hope around the world, Israel's complete disregard of the

ruling makes us ponder, does Israel live in the same reality as the rest of the world? Or are there double standards at play? Are international laws only applicable to some, and not to others?

9. We have seen, again and again, that Israel has a complete disregard, for the laws by which we must all abide. This must end.

10. We must persist until a permanent ceasefire is realised, and the cycle of atrocities is brought to a halt. Then, and only then, can we see a glimpse of hope on rebuilding Gaza.

Mr Chairman,

11. The D-8 is built upon the understanding, that we are empowered to make collective efforts, to uplift the social and economic conditions of Member States, alleviate poverty, and strengthen economic, social, technical and scientific ties within our Community.

12. In staying true to this core objective, we would be remiss if our collective strength is not afforded to the Palestinians, who are in dire situations.

13. We must not lose sight of their safety. Given the current state of Gaza, we must do everything we can, to assist the Palestinians to rebuild – to provide dignity, freedom and security.

14. Therefore, we must support all efforts that are geared, towards ensuring the protection and promotion, of Palestinians' fundamental human rights, the rights to territorial integrity, territorial unity, permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources, and freedom to pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

15. In doing so, it would be a miscalculation if the D-8, as a group, does not leverage its influence, to convince all Member States of the United Nations, to accept Palestine as a Full Member of the UN. We have a duty,

and a role to play. No longer can we keep silent, and expect others to speak on our behalf.

16. The creation of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine, based on pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, is the only way forward.

Mr. Chairman,

17. As an economic grouping of developing Muslim countries, I call upon the D-8 Member States, to pursue the following priorities, in our response to the plight of the Palestinian people.

17.1. **First**, to collectively support the call for a permanent and effective ceasefire, including the three-phase proposal, recently announced by the United States. It is a step in the right direction. However, it seems that the proposal is dependent on Israel's demand. Once again, Israel is given a free pass, of what it wants, without negotiations;

17.2. **Second**, not to render aid or assistance to Israel including any economic dealings that contribute to the funding of its military, and its illegal occupation of the Palestinian land;

17.3. **Third**, to increase our humanitarian assistance, and ensure safe and unimpeded access to delivering aid. While we acknowledge the current challenges of accessing Gaza through land and sea, the mobilisation of humanitarian assistance, must be worked on closely with its neighbouring countries, and international organisations. In this regard, Malaysia looks forward to the High-Level Conference – A Call to Action: Urgent Humanitarian Response for Gaza, to be held in Jordan, on 11 June 2024; and

17.4. **Lastly**, to establish and formalise a collaboration, between the D-8 and the State of Palestine, with a view to uplift the livelihood, and socio-economic development of the Palestinians, including the reconstruction of the State, in line with

Article 19 of the D-8 Charter. This could be done with the agreement by the Palestinian side.

Excellencies,

18. Realistically, while efforts for economic cooperation and reconstruction are present, its full potential can only be realised, once Palestine is fully recognised as a State.

19. Despite the growing number of states recognising the State of Palestine, there is still a need, for the D-8 Member States to galvanise its influence, in encouraging countries that have yet to do so, to recognise Palestine, as a matter of urgency and humanity.

Mr. Chairman,

20. Let me conclude, by reiterating Malaysia's unwavering support, and solidarity with the Palestinians. We believe that the D-8 has an important

role to play, to contribute and provide solutions, to the on-going violence against Palestine.

21. We must remember, that the plight of Palestine is more than just a policy position; it is a reflection of our collective conscience, a measure of our humanity. It is a symbol of the injustices and failures of the international order. And we must do all in our power to rectify these wrongs.

22. We must continue, Mr Chairman, working tirelessly with the larger international community, until a permanent and effective ceasefire in Gaza is achieved.

Mr Chairman,

23. Let our dreams of a free Palestine live beyond today, and beyond the words that we say.

I thank you.

Foreign Minister's Remarks for the Extraordinary
Meeting of the D-8 Council
of Foreign Ministers, in Istanbul (8 June 2024)

H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary
General of the D-8

H.E. Hakan Fidan, Foreign Minister of Turkiye

Honourable Foreign Ministers,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalam-o-Alaikum and Good Morning,

On behalf of the government and the people of Pakistan I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Republic of Turkiye and Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan for taking this initiative of holding the Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers on this matter of utmost significance.

What is happening today in Gaza is an unprecedented tragedy unfolding at an unimaginable scale. More than 40,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli occupation forces while leaving 81,000 injured with many suffering life threatening injuries or facing live long disabilities. The world is witnessing indiscriminate killings of civilians with a disproportionately large number of women and children. Israeli forces are systematically bombing hospitals and vital infrastructure to target the very existence of Palestinians. According to the World Health Organization, only 12 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are functional, that too barely. More strikingly, 84% of all health facilities are either destroyed or damaged, most certainly by design.

Israel's incessant and brutal aggression is a blatant attempt to wipe out the Palestinian population. The world is witnessing one of the worst massacres of our time being perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces, in total disregard of the international law world opinion and ICJ orders. History will not forgive those who chose to remain silent in the face of such atrocities.

Israel is using hunger and starvation as a weapon of war. Recent attacks by Israeli settlers on aid convoys as well as seizure of Rafah border crossing with Egypt amounts to deliberate blocking of humanitarian supplies with a clear intent to starve the civilian population. This is a whole new and horrific chapter in the history of war crimes under international humanitarian law and laws of war. The international community must take action to stop this collective punishment unleashed on the Palestinians. We condemn the use of starvation as a weapon of war, and call for an immediate ceasefire and unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The order of the International Court of Justice's¹ directing Israel to immediately halt its military offensive in Rafah must be implemented without delay. This is the third time this year that the 15-judge panel has issued such an order. International community must act to halt the killing and arrest humanitarian suffering.

¹ under the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa vs Israel)

Excellencies,

Pakistan has consistently supported a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the occupied Palestinian territories based on international law and relevant United Nations resolutions. We call for the total withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territories, restitution of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right of return to Palestine, and the establishment of an independent homeland for the Palestinians with pre-1967 borders and Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Pakistan believes that there can be no lasting peace in the Middle East without a comprehensive resolution of all outstanding Arab-Israeli disputes. The establishment of a sovereign, viable and contiguous Palestinian state is an absolutely prerequisite for regional peace and stability.

Silence and inaction in the face of outrageous killings, mistreatment and relocation of the Palestinians is not an option. We must stand up for our brothers and sisters in Palestine and present a united front to stop Israel's inhumane and barbaric brutalities.

Excellencies,

D-8 must use its political as well as economic leverage at all the relevant international fora to end the suffering of the Palestinians people. Seeking an immediate and unconditional end to this blatantly illegal and vividly genocidal action on the part of Israeli occupation forces is an absolute imperative.

Through the D-8 platform we may coordinate humanitarian assistance for the people of Gaza, and also play a role in the rebuilding efforts once the aggression ends. This is important if we want Palestinians to rebuild their lives and livelihood, and not let Israel succeed in its nefarious design of, if not eliminating them, then crippling them permanently.

This timely gathering of Foreign Ministers of eight important Muslim countries must send a strong message of support to the Palestinian people. It must also lead the call, and campaign for concerted and immediate international action to halt Israeli aggression and open all channels of humanitarian assistance to the besieged people of Gaza.

Pakistan, on its part, has already sent eight relief consignments for our Palestinian brothers and sisters. The magnitude of devastation caused by disproportionate and incessant Israeli aggression, however, is unparalleled. It, accordingly, demands extraordinary international effort geared to restoration and rehabilitation of Gaza. Let's come together and act now in lending meaningful support to our Palestinian brethren.

Thank you.

**STATEMENT BY
H.E. RETNO L.P. MARSUDI
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF D-8 COUNCIL OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS
ISTANBUL, 8 JUNE 2024**

Thank you, Minister Fidan, for hosting this important meeting.

The core business of our D-8 is economic cooperation. However, we can not stay still, sit back and relax, seeing the increasing suffering of our brothers and sisters in Gaza. Therefore, I appreciate the initiative of Türkiye to call for this meeting.

We are all members of the OIC. Our discussion today must further strengthen what the OIC has been doing so far. Our discussion today must take us closer towards the implementation of a two-state solution, in accordance with internationally agreed parameters.

It is my hope that the D8 could send a stronger message and take more concrete and doable steps on how to help Palestine. Unity among us, among the D8 members, is strategically important to get our strong message across.

A number of messages/steps that we have to pursue among others:

First, our long-term goal is to bring sustainable peace for Palestine. The starting point for peace is an immediate and permanent ceasefire. We have to call it louder. Without ceasefire, there won't be a sustainable peace. This is what Indonesia calls for since the very beginning. We have to speak louder to make Israel comply with the orders of the ICJ.

Now we see the US proposing a three-phase peace proposal, and one of them mentions ceasefire. I had mentioned to the US that Indonesia is supportive to any idea that calls for a permanent ceasefire. But can the US ensure that Israel is willing to do it? If not, what will the US do? Therefore, each and every one of us has to use our respective influence, to ensure that the US is able to force Israel to agree with the proposal, and have to convince Hamas to accept the proposal.

Second, if a cease fire is not there yet, it doesn't mean that we have to surrender and stop our efforts to help Palestine. In the absence of a ceasefire, we can push harder for:

1. **Unhindered humanitarian assistance.** Efforts to block humanitarian assistance is completely unacceptable. Let us see what the concrete results of the meeting in Jordan will be on 11 June.
2. **Loudly, we have to support the work of UNRWA.** Please increase contribution to UNRWA within our capacity.
3. **Use our influence to get more countries recognising Palestine.** In my region, Singapore, Japan and South Korea do not recognize the State of Palestine. I've communicated with Malaysia and Brunei to approach them. Separately, but in coordination. I just returned from Brussels (Hakan was also there) to do the same. I will be in Helsinki on 14 June to do the same and I will also be in Luxembourg to do the same too.
4. **Full membership of Palestine in the UN is very important.** When the US approaches me to support President Biden's proposal, I said: "Can I get your support to Palestine membership in the UN, and to not use your veto for that?" Please do whatever you can to approach the US and ask US not to use its veto.

Excellencies,

We must move beyond our name as "the Developing-8". For Palestine, we must aim to be "the Determining-8".

I thank you.

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**Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers to
Discuss the Situation in Gaza**

**Statement by
H. E. Dr. Dipu Moni, M.P.
Minister of Social Welfare
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

**08 June 2024
Istanbul, Turkiye**

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

H.E. Mr. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkiye,
H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of the D-8,
Excellencies the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation,
Distinguished Guests, sisters and brothers

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatuallahi wa Barakatahu

Bangladesh, in line with our Constitutional duty and our founding father's dictum , supports and stands firmly by our Palestinian brothers and sister's right to self-determination, sovereignty and independence based on the border of 1967 and East Jerusalem as its capital.

I would like to commend the Government of Turkiye for convening today's Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Foreign Ministers on this important issue.

Excellencies,

Gaza has been made the most densely-populated open-air prison in the world for the last 16 years. Israel is conducting genocide and destroying the homes, families and hopes of unarmed Palestinians. It is time for the World Leadership to reflect and review and come forward to establish justice as desired by the Muslim Ummah.

Distinguished Guests,

The UN has already said that the situation in Gaza is a 'matter of life and death'. UN Agencies and other humanitarian aid organisations have warned of a "humanitarian disaster" engulfing 2.3 million people, with shortages of food, fuel, drinking water

and medicines. The killing of thousands of people, most of them innocent civilians, particularly women and children, destruction of their homes and hospitals, the occupation of their ancestral lands, and the deliberate obstruction of their access to food and water all constitute blatant violations of international law and steps towards ethnic cleansing.

Excellencies,

I have the following suggestions to make today:

First, call for an immediate ceasefire in the war of Israel against Palestine. This war is unjust, and a violation of human rights and international humanitarian laws. Israel is committing crime against humanity which needs to stop now.

Second, a humanitarian corridor needs to be kept open for a continuous, rapid and safe supply of food, water, medicine and other lifesaving materials to the residents of Gaza. The seizure of Gaza is depriving the innocent people of basic necessities, and we as the international community should bear a responsibility.

Third, continue to hold Israel accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity. The killing of innocent civilians, and committing genocide, have created an environment of terror. Bangladesh along with few other countries has requested International Criminal Court for an investigation of ‘the situation in the State of Palestine’. Accountability and punishment are mandatory so that once for all the ongoing conflict in Gaza ends and people can start living peacefully in their own land.

Fourth, in order to have lasting peace and stability, we should plan a clear timeline to have a two-state solution with the pre-1967 border living side by side under the UN resolution 242 and 338.

Fifth, the unity of the Muslim Ummah on the issue of Palestine. They are our brothers and sisters who have been denied their right to self-determination and their right to their own homeland for the last 75 years. Over the last 75 years, we have been condemning the actions and occupation of Israel, and now it is time to boycott Israel by all nations and faiths. The recent recognition by some countries to the State of Palestine will help strengthen their legitimate demand and help them in realizing their long-cherished goal. We should continue looking for alternative means to end this conflict. These atrocities must stop and stop forever. It is time for all of us to stand by them and help them realize their justified demand.

Excellencies,

Israel-Gaza war is a barbaric and collective punishment and killing of a captive group of innocent men and women and especially children. It is destroying cities and towns, hopes and aspirations of a nation, and calculated deprivation of an occupied people of their rights, and rights to basic human needs and a decent living. It is not only a classic example of ethnic cleansing of Palestinian people but also genocide by a state power assisted by leaders of the free world and who pretend to be the proponents of human rights, humanitarian rights and moral and ethical values.

As the member of the Muslim Ummah our destiny is one as are our burdens and responsibilities. Only by mobilizing and optimizing our synergies we can create an Ummah of shared peace and stability which our future generations will inherit. At this crucial junction let us stand strong together and work for the betterment of humanity and to stop the massacre, genocide and crime against humanity in Gaza.

Thank you all.



**Embassy of the
Arab Republic of Egypt
Ankara**

**Draft Speech for
The D8 Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting on Gaza**

**Istanbul
8 June 2024**

H.E. Mr. Hakan Fidan,

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

H.E. Ambassador Isaika Abdulqadir Imam

Secretary General of the D8

Honorable Ministers, Ambassadors and distinguished Delegates,

First of all, on behalf of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt the current Chair of the D8, I would like to thank the Government of Türkiye, Minister Hakan Fidan, and the D8 Secretariat for calling to hold this significant meeting which comes at a time where the Israeli atrocities against our brothers and sisters in Palestine continue in spite of the monumental destruction it has already left.

Mr. Chair,

For decades, Israel has relied on policies of collective punishment towards the Palestinian people, mainly through blockades inflicting starvation, and other grave violations to international humanitarian law.

It is shocking that despite the current catastrophe in Gaza, some countries still justify the ongoing Israeli atrocities by refusing to clearly condemn Israel's actions. On its part, Egypt is supportive of all efforts aiming at ensuring unhindered access of humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and shall continue to provide necessary aid to the people of Palestine in this difficult time. I would like to hereby thank all countries that are providing critical support to the Palestinian

people in collaboration and coordination with Egypt, such as Türkiye and all other members of this esteemed organization.

Moreover, Egypt will also continue its role in mediating between the Palestinians and the Israelis to end the current conflict in spite of all the difficulties and challenges we are faced with in this regard.

Mr. Chair,

It is incumbent on the international community to step up efforts to end hostilities in Gaza and elsewhere in Palestine, to guarantee the full respect of international law, while ensuring the rapid, safe and unhindered access of urgent humanitarian assistance to Gaza to meet the growing needs of its people. Furthermore, we must work on preserving the role of UNRWA as the key service provider and the backbone of the humanitarian response that provides lifesaving assistance to Gaza in addition to its role in other operational areas such as Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and the West Bank. Moreover, we request the full realization of the mechanism established by Security Council Resolution 2720 in Gaza to expedite humanitarian access. This mechanism should be able to address and deal with impediments preventing the entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza including prolonged inspections.

Mr. Chair,

Repeatedly Egypt and the international community warned Israel, of the dangers and risks of undertaking a military operation in

the Palestinian city of Rafah, as it is a refuge for more than a million people. We strongly reject any forcible displacement of civilians, that would further deteriorate the humanitarian situation.

Unfortunately, Israeli actions on the ground, are consistent with its well-known objective to permanently close the Rafah crossing to tighten the siege on the Gaza Strip. In parallel to this Israel is still unwilling to bear the responsibility of providing full needed humanitarian access through its own crossings in accordance with its legal obligations as a force of occupation.

Mr. Chair,

The situation in the Gaza strip was created through decades of occupation of the Palestinian territories alongside measures to maintain the separation between the West Bank and Gaza and to weaken the PLO and the Palestinian Authority. The choice of peace by the PLO was only met with more illegal settlements, military incursions in the West Bank while increasing the daily suffering of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Chair,

The only credible path to peace and security in the region is through the establishment of a viable Palestinian State living side by side to Israel in peace. We welcome and appreciate the decision of Spain, Ireland Norway, and Slovenia to recognize Palestine as an

independent state. This is crucial to materialize the two-state solution according to United Nations resolutions.

Finally, I would like to draw your kind attention to the conference organized by Egypt, Jordan and the UN to be held in Jordan on 11 June 2024 under the theme “Call for Action: Urgent Humanitarian Response for Gaza”. We hope that it achieves its objectives of easing the suffering of our brothers and sisters there.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

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STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, H. E. AMB. YUSUF MAITAMA TUGGAR, OON AT THE D-8 EXTRAORDINARY
COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN GAZA, HELD IN
ISTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY ON 8TH MAY 2024

Your Excellency, Hakan Fidan,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey
Honourable Ministers,
Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations
Your Excellency, Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam,
Secretary General of the D-8,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

Today, I stand before you with a profound sense of duty and empathy, representing the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, H. E. Amb. Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, OON at this D-8 Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting to discuss the situation in Gaza. This theme underscores a grave and pressing concern that demands our collective attention and immediate action.

2. Permit me from the onset, to express our deepest sorrow and offer heartfelt condolences to the Government and the good people of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the tragic loss of H. E. President Ebrahim RAISI, as well as the Iranian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H. E. Hossein Amir Abdollahian, and other Iranian officials, in the recent helicopter crash in Iran. We share in your grief and stand firmly with you in this difficult time, offering our unwavering support.

3. Let me also extend my condolences to the Government and the good people of the Islamic

Republic of Pakistan over the Death of D-8 commissioner of Pakistan Dr. Diyar Khan. We stand in solidarity with you, offering our support and prayers.

4. The Government of the Republic of Turkey has shown exceptional leadership by proactively convening this Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting. We express our deep gratitude for their initiative and the warm hospitality extended to us during our stay.

5. I wish to equally commend the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Chair of the Summit, for showing excellent leadership, which has resulted in achieving some of the objectives for which our organisation, D-8, was established.

6. Special commendation also goes to the D-8 General Secretariat for its diligent commitment and initiative in arranging the Extraordinary Council of Foreign Ministers meeting to discuss the situation in Gaza. In this regard, I want to seize the opportunity provided by this auspicious occasion to sincerely congratulate the Secretary-General, H.E **Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam**, for the able and distinguished manner in which he has continued to administer and guide the affairs of the Secretariat..

Excellencies.

7. I stand before you today to express Nigeria's profound concern and unwavering commitment to addressing the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Nigeria holds an important position in the Gaza conflict as a nation deeply rooted in the principles of peace, justice, and human dignity.

8. Nigeria unequivocally condemns the violence and loss of innocent lives on both sides of the conflict. The indiscriminate targeting of civilians, including women and children, is deplorable and must be halted immediately. We call for an urgent ceasefire to prevent further humanitarian catastrophe.

9. Nigeria believes sustainable peace in Gaza can only be achieved through dialogue and diplomacy. We urge all parties involved to return to the negotiating table and engage in meaningful discussion to address the root cause of the conflict. Recognising the legitimate aspirations of both Palestinians and Israelis for peace, security, and prosperity is essential.

10. We also emphasised the importance of upholding international law and human rights. Nigeria

calls on all parties to respect the principles of international humanitarian aid. We support the efforts of the United Nations and other international organisations in providing necessary assistance to those affected by the conflict.

11. Furthermore, Nigeria reaffirms its support for the two-state solution, which envisions an independent State of Palestine living side by side in peace and security with the State of Israel. Based on pre-1967 borders and mutually agreed land swaps, this vision remains the most viable path to achieving lasting peace in the region.

12. In conclusion, Nigeria stands ready to work with the D-8 member countries and the international community to foster peace and stability in Gaza. We believe that through collective efforts, dialogue, and respect for human rights, we can contribute to ending the suffering and paving the way for a brighter future for the people in the region.

13. I thank you all for your Kind attention

Reservation by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates that its support to the “Joint Declaration of the Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Ministers on the Situation in Gaza” should not, explicitly or implicitly, be construed in any way as recognition of the Zionist regime of Israel.



JOINT DECLARATION

THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE D-8 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE SITUATION IN GAZA

İSTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

8 JUNE 2024

We, the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Heads of Delegations from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye gathering in İstanbul on 8 June 2024 at the invitation of H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, as an expression of our unified position in condemning the brutal Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif,

Recalling all the resolutions of the United Nations and other international organizations regarding Palestine, the crimes of the Israeli forces, and the right of the Palestinian people to freedom and independence in all of their territory occupied since 1967,

Reaffirming all the resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation regarding the Palestinian Cause and all the occupied Palestinian territories,

Underlining the centrality of the Palestinian Cause, and that we stand with all our capacities and capabilities alongside the brotherly Palestinian people in their legitimate struggle to liberate all their occupied territories and to fulfill all their inalienable rights and to live in their independent, sovereign and contiguous state along the lines of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital,

Reaffirming that a just, lasting and comprehensive peace is the only path to guarantee security and stability for all the peoples of the region and protect them from the spiral of violence and wars, and will not be achieved without ending the Israeli occupation and settling the Palestinian issue on the basis of the two-state solution,

Affirming our solidarity in confronting the humanitarian catastrophe inflicted on Gaza Strip and its people due to the unflinching Israeli aggression for more than eight months without respect for the most basic moral and humanitarian values;

Acknowledging the devastating impacts of the brutal Israeli aggression on Palestinian economy and infrastructure, as well as its damage to regional peace, stability and prosperity;

-We condemn in the strongest terms the brutal and inhuman Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip as well as in the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem;



-Demand an immediate, permanent and unconditional ceasefire, the cessation of the Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people in Gaza, and the immediate implementation of the relevant UN Resolutions, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 2728 (2024) which demand immediate ceasefire in Gaza Strip, as well as for providing humanitarian and medical aid and relief, providing fuel, water, electricity and shelter, and full humanitarian access through all possible means for the unhindered and adequate delivery of urgent assistance to the Gaza Strip; and call for compliance with UNSC Resolution 2720 (2023) demanding immediate, safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, and the establishment in Gaza of a UN mechanism for that purpose.

-Call on all States to ensure Israel to strictly comply with the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice, thereby, immediately halt its military offensive, and any other action in the Rafah Governorate, which may inflict on the Palestinian group in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; to withdraw from Rafah and provide the conditions for safe, immediate and unhindered humanitarian access through the Rafah crossing, as well as safe and unhindered provision at scale of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance throughout the Gaza Strip; and to take effective measures to ensure the unimpeded access to the Gaza Strip of any commission of inquiry and other fact-finding missions or other investigative bodies mandated by competent organs of the United Nations,

-Call on all States, particularly in view of the ongoing genocide and grave violations of International Law and international humanitarian law on the ground, to exert diplomatic, political, economic and legal pressure and take all necessary measures with a view to stopping all the crimes committed by occupying Israeli forces against Palestinian civilians.

-Call on all States to support, intervene and/or contribute to the legal processes before the international legal mechanisms/tribunals to ensure accountability for grave violations of International Humanitarian Law and International Law committed against the Palestinian People,

-Demand that all countries stop supplying weapons and ammunitions to Israel that are used by its army and extremist settlers to kill the Palestinian people and destroy their homes, hospitals, schools, mosques, churches and all their properties;

-Call for efforts to provide protection for Palestinian civilians and to form a practical and effective international protection mechanism for this in implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council and the United Nations General Assembly on the protection of the Palestinian people, including Resolution 904 (1994), and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES-10/21, dated 27 October 2023, and the report of the UN Secretary-General in this regard,

-Demand complete lifting the Israeli siege on Gaza, including through opening of all available land border crossings and allowing the entry of international humanitarian aid convoys, including food, medicine and fuel into the Gaza Strip without any hindrance,



- Reaffirm our categorical rejection, by all means, to any attempt at forcibly displacing, expelling or transferring the Palestinian people from their land, and Call for unconditional return to their homes and lands of displaced Palestinians,
- Commend the role of the UNRWA in serving the Palestinian refugees and invite all States and the international community to continue supporting it to execute its historic mandate and responsibility with its irreplaceable and indispensable role in providing aid and services to Palestinian people,
- Emphasize the obligation for Israel to implement its responsibilities as the occupying power, and to stop all illegal Israeli measures that perpetuate the occupation, especially all settlement activities including the building and expansion of illegal settlements, the confiscation of lands, and the displacement of Palestinians from their homes,
- Affirm the State of Palestine's full sovereignty over Al-Quds Al-Sharif, its eternal capital, its rejection and standing against any Israeli decisions or measures aimed at changing its character, being null and void and illegal under the international law and the relevant UN Resolutions,
- Condemn the Israeli attacks on the holy sites in Al-Quds, and Israel's illegal measures that violate freedom of worship, and stress the necessity of upholding unchanged the historic status quo in the holy sites in word and in practice, and that of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif,
- Condemn strongly the Israeli actions to escalate the war by provoking regional countries as well as targeting the Embassy of Iran in Damascus through unjustifiable attacks.
- Deplore the killing of more than 100 journalists and in excess of 200 humanitarian aid workers from several countries at the hands of Israel since October 2023.
- Emphasize the need for the international community to act immediately to implement the two-state solution in a way that meets all the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, especially their right to their independent, sovereign and contiguous State along the lines of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with UN resolutions,
- Acknowledge the need for a guarantee mechanism so that when a final settlement is reached, its provisions could be implemented in full and in a sustainable fashion,
- Affirm the unwavering support of D-8 Member States to the struggle of the Palestinian people to realize their inalienable rights, the full membership of Palestine in the United Nations and all the resolutions related to the Palestinian Cause in international fora,
- Hail the recent decisions of a group of countries to recognize the State of Palestine as an endeavour for the sake of peace in the region, and Call on all the States that have not yet recognised the State of Palestine to do so as a requirement of peace, international law, justice and conscience,
- Call on the United States of America to lift its veto on the full membership of Palestine in the UN as an independent and sovereign State,



- Urge our Palestinian brothers and sisters to unite in their struggle to achieve their objectives, and Call on Palestinian factions to expedite the completion of national reconciliation,
- Support all efforts towards empowering the Palestinian economy as well as rebuilding Gaza following the withdrawal of Israeli forces,
- Commend the role of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Chairman in Office, in providing and facilitating entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza, support all the steps it takes to confront the consequences of the brutal Israeli aggression on Gaza and recent invasion of the Palestinian city of Rafah;
- Commend the Government of the Republic of Türkiye for gathering and hosting the Extraordinary Meeting of the D-8 Council of Ministers on the situation in Gaza and appreciate the role of the meeting to further concretize the bonds of fraternity, cooperation and solidarity among the Member Countries.
- Task the D-8 Secretary General to facilitate consultation to follow up the elements contained in the Joint Declaration as well as the organization of the consequent meeting of the Council on Gaza.