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Seventy-ninth year****Question of Palestine****Israeli practices and settlement activities affecting the rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs of the occupied territories****Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources****Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: assistance to the Palestinian people****Letter dated 3 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

In my capacity as the Chair of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), I have the honour to transmit herewith the press communiqué issued by the OIC Ambassadorial Group in New York on 28 March 2024 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 39, 50, 59, 72 (b), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sidi **Mohamed Laghdaf**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 3 April 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Press Communiqué

by the OIC Ambassadorial Group in New York

The OIC Group of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations met at the UN Headquarters in New York on 27 March 2024 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador Sidi Mohammed Laghdaf, Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations, to review developments regarding the ongoing Israeli aggression in Occupied Palestine, particularly in the Gaza Strip, in the wake of the adoption of the UN Security Council resolution 2728 of 25 March 2024.

After more than five months of Israel's unbridled aggression on the Palestinian population in Gaza, the Group considered the adoption of this latest Security Council resolution as a significant action, in accordance with the Council's Charter duty for the maintenance of international peace and security. They lauded the Council's decision and urged immediate efforts for its implementation aimed at securing a lasting ceasefire in Gaza, halting the incessant loss of the lives of Palestinian children, women and men, protecting the Palestinian civilian population and alleviating the humanitarian disaster.

The Group called on the international community, particularly the UN Security Council Members, to ensure compliance with resolution [2728 \(2024\)](#) and its expeditious implementation. In this regard, the Group welcomed the increasing collaboration among the Groups of Member States of the OIC, Arab League, and NAM, and underscored their critical role in the implementation of the said resolution.

The meeting also discussed modalities for the implementation of the resolution of Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit, which was held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 11 November 2023, to address the Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, as well as the resolution of the extraordinary session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah on 5 March 2024, with particular reference to the expansion of the international recognition of the State of Palestine and its admission as a full member of the United Nations. It expressed its firm commitment to intensify consultations towards the realization of this objective, including by addressing official communications to relevant members of the international community and the principal UN organs.

To this end, the Group commended the efforts of the Ministerial Committee established by the Joint Arab-Islamic Summit under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia on the implementation of the Joint Arab Islamic Summit resolution, particularly with regard to according Palestine full membership of the United Nations as a necessary step towards the realization of the independence of the State of Palestine, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital, as the basis for a just and lasting solution to the Question of Palestine, in accordance with international law and the relevant UN resolutions.

The Group reaffirmed their solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle to realize their inalienable rights, including to self-determination and return, and the immediate priority of ending Israel's aggressions against the Palestinian people and ending its illegal occupation of the State of Palestine.

The meeting expressed its commitments to work towards the realization of the foregoing objectives in a timely manner.

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