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The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions

## **The Statement of the Arab Network for Nation Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI) on the 75th Anniversary of the Palestinian People's Catastrophe**

This year's commemoration of the catastrophe serves as a stark reminder of its continuity, reigniting the perpetual suffering endured by the Palestinian people due to the incessant violations inflicted upon them by the Israeli occupying forces. These violations include their forced expulsion and mass displacement from their homeland, the confiscation of their property, the denial of their rights, and the cold-blooded execution of innocent civilians. The most recent aggression against the Gaza Strip saw the deliberate targeting of civilian lives, properties, and infrastructure, resulting in the destruction of dozens of homes and displacement of their inhabitants. The strict blockade imposed on Gaza continues to prevent the entry of essential supplies, including food, medicine, and fuel, posing a significant threat to the power station and the provision of basic services to the people. The targeting of Palestinian lives and the policy of extrajudicial executions remain a daily occurrence, with 150 Palestinians, including 26 children and 8 women, having been killed since the beginning of 2023 until May 13, 2023.

The practices of the occupation are a continuous manifestation of the catastrophe that has befallen the Palestinian people since 1948 and persists to this day. These practices involve denying the existence and rights of Palestinians, perpetuating racial discrimination against them, implementing arbitrary measures, confiscating their lands, crystallizing an apartheid system, expanding colonial settlements, and creating a forced environment that pursues Palestinians, especially in the "C" classified areas and the Jordan Valley. The occupation also attempts to settle the issue of Palestinian refugees by targeting UNRWA and exerting various pressures to resolve it. Furthermore, the policy of systematically Judaizing Jerusalem and suppressing the Palestinian narrative, confiscating it, and obscuring the true image of the occupation continues.

ANNHRI appreciated the United Nations' decision to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Nakba at the UN headquarters, which acknowledges the tragedy suffered by the

Palestinian people. However, ANNHRI strongly opposes any attempt to undermine the rights of Palestinians, which have been established and reinforced by the UN. ANNHRI calls for the implementation and protection of these rights, as well as the cessation of violations committed by the occupation against Palestinians, as it is the responsibility of all international parties to address the grave challenges facing the Palestinian cause. Hence, ANNHRI urges:

- the international community to take immediate and determined action to enforce compliance with international human rights and humanitarian laws by Israel, the occupying power, and ensure the protection of the Palestinian people. This includes exerting pressure to end the protracted military occupation, dismantle the discriminatory apartheid system, and empower the Palestinian people to exercise their inherent rights, such as the right of refugees to return to their homes, the right to self-determination, and the establishment of a sovereign state on their territory
- The State of Palestine to promptly and efficiently take actions to apply all feasible leverage on international entities, UN organizations, and high contracting parties to comply with their legal and moral responsibilities under the Fourth Geneva Convention concerning the safeguarding of civilians during wartime in 1949. This also includes respecting and guaranteeing adherence to the Convention under all circumstances, as outlined in Article 1.
- the United Nations to exert pressure to ensure the implementation of Resolution 194, which was released on December 11, 1948. The Security Council should carry out its obligations and adhere to its decisions by safeguarding Palestinian civilians who are persistently subjected to aggression by the occupation forces and settlers in the occupied Palestinian territory. Moreover, they should press for an end to the strict blockade on Gaza Strip and halt repeated attacks on it.
- Regional and international human rights organizations to take serious action towards holding the occupation and its leaders accountable for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people as crimes against humanity.
- Arab countries to stop and freeze all forms of normalization with the occupation, as it encourages it to commit more crimes and violations against the Palestinian people.

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