

Enhancing Arab reconciliation and solidarity declaration

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We, leaders of the Arab states,

Acknowledging the serious repercussions of the Arab-Arab conflicts and its negative effects on the Arab nations' interests and determinant causes.

And based on his highness King Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz Al Saoud's call, which have launched the process of an Arab reconciliation at the developmental summit in Kuwait, and the importance of employing more efforts in building bridges to surpass conflicts through a common work between all Arab states.

And since our Arab Nation is looking forward for the Doha summit to be a positive turning point enhancing the path of reconciliation ,affirming Arab solidarity and guiding the employed efforts towards their respective goal.

We affirm our will and determination on moving forward in this path, keeping in mind our peoples' expectations and aspirations, our national interests and the consent on several principles and basis guiding the Arab movement towards enhancing reconciliation and solidarity, thus, as following:

Firstly: Committing to the League of Arab States' charter, the League being a reference to the Arab common work aiming to develop this work and its procedures on all levels.

Secondly: A serious and faithful decision to execute the previous engagement contracted in the "Commitment, consent and solidarity" charter declared during the Tunis summit in May 2004, as a basis to build bridges, Arab-Arab relation, achieve Arab solidarity and preserving the high national interests.

Thirdly: The importance of adopting a system of transparency, dialogue and consultancy in Arab conflict resolution and rejecting tension creation, offensive speeches, provocation and aggravation.

Fourthly: Visualizing a common strategy to deal with political, security and economic challenges among other challenges threatening the national Arab security.

Fifthly: Affirming the importance of the Palestinian cause and of a Palestinian independent state, having Jerusalem as its capital, and the importance of committing to the approved Arab strategy for the achievement of a just and global peace in the region.

Sixthly: Empowering the Arab procedures of conflict resolution including those enclosed in the "Commitment, consent and solidarity" charter and asking the Secretary General for the activation of these procedures according to what achieves best the high national interests and guaranties the administration of conflicts preventing harm to the Arab relations.

This declaration was written in the city of Doha on March 30, 2009; the authentic document is held at the secretariat general' office of the League of Arab States and a copy of it is handled to each of the signature states.