

The Arab Peace Initiative

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Having listened to the statement made by his royal highness Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, crown prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, [...] calling for full Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories occupied since June 1967, implementation of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and Israel's acceptance of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, in return for the establishment of normal relations in the context of a comprehensive peace with Israel;

Emanating from the conviction of the Arab countries that a military solution to the conflict will not achieve peace or provide security for the parties, the Council of Arab States:

1. Calls on Israel reconsider its policies and declare that a just peace is its strategic option as well.

2. Further calls upon Israel to affirm:

Full withdrawal from all the territories occupied since 1967, including the Syrian Golan Heights, to the June 4, 1967 lines, and the remaining occupied Lebanese territories.

Achievement of a just solution to the Palestinian refugee problem to be agreed upon in accordance with UN Resolution 194.

The acceptance of the establishment of a sovereign independent Palestinian state on the Palestinian territories occupied since June 4, 1967 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

3. Consequently, the Arab countries will:

Consider the Arab-Israeli conflict ended, and enter into a peace agreement with Israel, and provide security for all the states of the region.

Establish normal relations with Israel in the context of this comprehensive peace.

4. Assures the rejection of all forms of Palestinian patriation which conflict with the special circumstances of the Arab host countries.

5. Calls upon the government of Israel and all Israelis to accept this initiative to safeguard the prospects for peace and stop the further shedding of blood.

6. Invites the international community to support this initiative.

7. Requests a special committee [00.] to pursue the necessary contacts to gain support for this initiative at all levels, particularly from the UN, the Security Council, the US, the Russian Federation, the Muslim states and the EU.