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Rejecting statements on forced displacement and calling on the international community to take a firm stance

The Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions expresses its strong condemnation and categorical rejection of the statements of US President Donald Trump, calling for the forced displacement of the Palestinian people to Egypt, Jordan and other places, considering these statements a flagrant violation of international law and a blatant attempt to liquidate the Palestinian cause, in light of the ongoing systematic Israeli crimes against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

These statements constitute a dangerous precedent in disregarding and contempt for international law and undermining its effectiveness and confidence, as they legitimize ethnic cleansing and provide political and propaganda cover for the continuation of Israeli crimes, and fuel the discourse of racism and hatred against the Palestinians, which reinforces Israeli calls for their expulsion and forced displacement.

ANNHRI affirms that these statements represent a serious retreat from international obligations towards the rights of the Palestinian people, especially their right to self-determination and return. It also constitutes a serious setback to efforts to achieve a just peace in the Middle East, and enshrines the absolute American bias towards the occupation, in clear violation of international resolutions and international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions and the UN Charter.

The Network considers that this position comes in the context of more than a year of ongoing massacres committed by the Israeli occupation forces, including genocide, forced displacement, siege and systematic

starvation, in addition to targeting patients and medical staff, in clear violation of all international laws and conventions.

ANNHRI strongly rejects any attempts to mislead or manipulate terminology to justify the forced displacement of the Palestinian people, including attempts to falsely call it voluntary migration, while it is a forced displacement based on ethnic engineering, and is imposed through systematic starvation, deliberate destruction of infrastructure, and preventing reconstruction efforts in the Gaza Strip, which are policies implemented by the Israeli occupation forces with the aim of imposing an intolerable reality on the Palestinians and forcing them to leave their land by force.

ANNHRI stresses the importance of activating the mechanisms of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, to ensure that the Israeli occupation and its leaders are held accountable for the crimes they have committed against the Palestinian people, including crimes of genocide, forced displacement, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

A just solution to the Palestinian issue will only be achieved through the implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions, most notably General Assembly Resolution 194 (1948), which affirms the right of Palestinian refugees to return and compensation, Security Council Resolution 242 (1967), which stipulates Israel's withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967, Resolution 338 (1973), which calls for the implementation of Resolution 242, and Resolution 478 (1980), which considers Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem illegal, in addition to Resolution 2334 (2016), which condemns Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, in addition to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which affirmed the illegality of the Israeli occupation and the need to end it as soon as possible, and the United Nations General Assembly resolution issued in September 2024, which calls for ending the Israeli occupation within a year.

ANNHRI calls for adherence to the decisions of the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, as they are decisive legal references that reflect the international will to achieve justice and end the occupation. The Network appreciates the clear and firm positions taken by many countries around the world, and the positions of Arab countries, most notably Egypt, Jordan and the State of Palestine, which affirmed their categorical rejection of any attempts aimed at liquidating the Palestinian cause or infringing on the rights of the Palestinian people. The Network believes that these statements constitute a direct threat to Arab national

security, in addition to being a blatant violation of the principles of international law and international legitimacy resolutions.

ANNHRI calls on the United Nations and the international community to take a firm stance towards these dangerous statements, through:

1. Declaring a clear and unified international position rejecting Trump's statements regarding the displacement of Palestinians, and emphasizing the unity and integrity of the Palestinian territories.
2. Emphasizing the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, especially their right to self-determination, return and independence, and rejecting any solutions based on forced displacement.
3. Holding the leaders of the Israeli occupation accountable for the war crimes and genocide they committed in Gaza and the West Bank, in accordance with international law.
4. Supporting relief efforts and reconstruction of the Gaza Strip to enhance the steadfastness of the Palestinians on their land.
5. Work to find a comprehensive and just solution to the Palestinian issue in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions, ensuring the Palestinians' right to return, self-determination, and building their independent state on their occupied lands.

The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions affirms its categorical rejection of any attempts aimed at liquidating the Palestinian issue, and calls on the international community to assume its full responsibilities in ending the occupation, stopping gross violations of human rights, and ensuring the achievement of international justice for the Palestinian people.

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