

**SPECIFIC COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE DEMAND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CESEFIRE IN GAZA**

1. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations applauds the decision of the Security Council of the United Nations, following almost six months of an ongoing carnage against and forced displacement of the Palestinian people, to finally adopt a resolution expressly demanding “an immediate ceasefire for the month of Ramadan respected by all parties”.
2. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations call for full respect of Security Council resolution 2728 (2024) of 25 March 2024, with a view to achieving a lasting, sustainable and permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, that extends beyond the Holy month of Ramadan, and that will ultimately put an end to the months of suffering endured by the Palestinian civilian population, and widespread destruction, while allowing for humanitarian actors on the ground, including United Nations Specialized Agencies led by UNRWA, to provide rapid and unhindered support and assistance to those in desperate need, including to alleviate the acute food insecurity affecting the entire population and the horrific conditions of famine in northern Gaza.
3. The Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, in recalling the provisions of Article 25 of the UN Charter, that establishes the legally binding nature of Security Council decisions and according to which “the Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter”, demands the strict, immediate and full implementation of all relevant resolutions adopted by that body concerning the Question of Palestine, including resolution 2728 (2024).
4. The Member States of the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations remain firmly committed to the just cause of Palestine, as well as in full solidarity with the heroic Palestinian people in their struggle to achieve their inalienable rights, freedom and justice, while reiterating their unwavering support for the preservation of a political horizon that can once and for all lead, among others, to the end of the illegal Israeli occupation and to the achievement of the independence of the State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem / Al-Quds Al-Shariff as its capital, in accordance with the pre-1967 borders, which are essential for the establishment of a just and lasting peace and security in the region.

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