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Speech Of

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Dear Comrades and colleagues,

Thank you Mr. President comrade George Papandreou and Secretary General Comrade Luis Ayala for organizing this Meeting and for inviting **WAAD** Party, hoping success for all sessions discussing International Peace and Security.

Our Leader, Prisoner of conscience, Ibrahim Sharif sent his warm regards to all the participants in this meeting. Sharif is completing $\frac{3}{4}$ of his sentence in Prison With other 11 Political leaders and thousands of detainees. Depending on international and local prisons law, Sharif should be

released immediately, but unfortunately Bahrain Authorities rejected all calls received from International and Bahrain community to release Sharif.

Your support and solidarity with our leader Sharif and other Prisoners of conscience is appreciated.

Dear comrades,

The main key question is how to approach resolutions of conflicts in several countries such as Bahrain and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), especially during current times while ISIS is occupying huge areas in Iraq and Syria, killing civilians and controlling oil production in those areas. ISIS expanded in gulf region and attacked civilian people in Dalwa village, east of Saudi Arabia, killed several citizens and members of police forces.

The terrorist organisation of ISIS is strategically supported by environments of strict ideology, heavy financing, and thousands of volunteers from GCC countries, especially from Saudi Arabia.

Today ISIS became a rich organization for the following reasons:

- 1-Stealing more than USD 500 million and continuously receiving hundreds of millions as donations from our region.
- 2-Selling oil production in black markets.
- 3-Earning millions from fees imposed on the people of occupied areas.
- 4-Getting official political and financial support from certain countries in the region.

The Qaeda and Nusra Organisations also receive support and donations from the Gulf Region, specifically in Yemen and Syria.

GCC countries are fertile Lands for ISIS and Qaeda because of development loss in them, despite GCC budget surplus reached USD 156 billion last year. The surplus in Saudi Arabia budget exceeded USD 50 billion and the accumulated surplus in the last five years exceeded USD 260 billion. Kuwait, Emirates and Qatar Achieved different levels of surplus and the Gross Domestic product (GDP) in GCC countries exceeded USD 1.7 trillion. This surplus existed while living crises increase, such as:

- 1- Unemployment is increasing in the region and achieved 16% on average reaching 2 million in Saudi Arabia, the majority between women and youth.
- 2- The queue of the housing services approach 60% of GCC citizens.
- 3- Wages still stock in the eighties levels.
- 4- The Educational system secreted half educated graduates.
- 5- The Health system is at the lowest level.
- 6- Corruption absorbs a large proportion of general budgets.
- 7- Armament contracts represent high level of expenditures.

The absence of sustainable development in the GCC Countries and the absence of the human rights, freedom, democracy and social justice establish the fertile Lands to ISIS and other terrorist organisations.

Oil revenues represent 90% of Budgets income in GCC Countries. With the collapse of oil prices by 40%, the social crises will increase and region governments are still continuing violations, establishing new laws by royal

decrees, to control, marginalize, discrimination and destroy GCC civil societies.

Comrades and colleagues,

In conclusion, national stability of Bahrain and other Gulf cooperation council countries requires the regimes to genuinely engage with opposition groups in true and meaningful negotiations to work out the ongoing political crisis for almost four years and to establish civil democratic state .

Wishing you all the success in this important event.

Thank You .