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Greetings of the General Federation of Iraq Youth, to Baghdad Conference of Solidarity Between Arab and African Youth.

His Excellency representative of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr, President of the Republic;

Esteemed guests and friends;

Brethern participants to Baghdad Conference of Solidarity between Arab and African Youth.

Today, Baghdad is cordially hosting the convention of the first conference of solidarity between Arab and African Youth under the slogan "Cooperation, Solidarity, Coordination."

This conference has an important significance to which the youth of Iraq attach greater aspirations. The timing and slogan of the conference coincide as the Arab and African youth consciously react in undertaking their tasks and responsibilities to confront the present imperialist and zionist attacks against the legal ambitions and aspirations of the peoples of Africa and Arab countries. To this end, these peoples are working for their freedom and progress, intensifying their struggle to stand up to the intensification of this attack.

American schemes for liquidation and surrender are faced by a growing struggle from the part of the Arab people and Palestinian resistance movement asserting thus, their strong will to retain all the territories occupied by the zionists. While in the meantime, the racist liquidation campaigns in South-Africa, Rhodisia and other African countries falling under the yoke of colonialism, are receiving heavy blows by the firm and increasing struggle of the peoples of these countries expressing thus, their readiness to constantly fight until final liberation is realised.

The Arab peoples as well as the African peoples continue their struggle against the local reactionary plans which are in conformity with the plans of imperialism to abort the peoples will for freedom and progress.

Brothers,

The Arab and African youth, while struggling in cooperation and coordination to confront the common enemy, namely imperialism, zionism and the reactionary forces, are quite aware that their struggle is but an integral part of the just struggle of the international liberation movement and the revolutionary forces in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

They are further quite aware that U.S.A. stands in the forefront of the imperialist aggressions, while in the meantime their struggle is gaining the support of the peoples and governments of the friendly socialist community.

Brothers,

Selecting Baghdad as a place to convene this conference will undoubtedly offer you good chances to acquaint yourselves with a new revolutionary experiment in the area. The experiment which is not regionally limited but has successfully extended its effects on the national and international levels.

You will also sense the spirit of solidarity and common struggle the people of Iraq bear towards the people of Africa as well as other militant peoples. Brothers,

We wish this conference success and hope that the aspired cooperation, solidarity and coordination between Arab and African youth will be realized.

Militant greetings,

THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF IRAQ YOUTH

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