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I attest to the truth of most of what has been said by the speakers preceding me, especially what has been said by Mr. Fadlallah (head of Hezbollah), the greatest supervisor and director of contemporary Islamic jihad, especially in Lebanon. I also subscribe to most of what has been said by the great Palestinian revolutionary Ahmad Jibril, corroborated by the precious directives given by His Excellency the Leader, Mr. Khamene'i, and the Combatant Shaikh Mustafa Mashhur (head of the Muslim Brotherhood Party, Egypt).

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The starting point of your conference was the consensus that the Zionist endeavor be rejected in its very existence and that all plans of coexistence with it or handing over to it land of Islam, even an inch of it, be condemned, and that the Islamic world community needs to muster the will for total war (jihad) in order to extirpate it.

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Every victory obtained on any of the fronts in the struggle against the hegemonial Western Zionist endeavor forms of necessity part of our fight against Zionism, leading on from indirect fight to direct fight, as was announced by Shaikh 'Abbasi Madani when he said that the establishment of an Islamic State in Algeria would be followed

by a declaration of Algerian Islamic jihad against the Zionist entity.

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Dear Mujahidin brothers! The Zionist project is a satanic project that uses all powers of evil. Therefore it is not possible to resist it successfully except with a counter project that harnesses all the potential of the Muslim world community, - the powers of faith, jihád, ijtihád, thought, arts, economy, and martyrdom, deepened by trust in God, abstinence, authorization, piety, the longing to meet God, the spirit of community, and altruism. It will renew the certainty about God's granting victory to the believers and the destruction of the Jews, and that we enter the mosque as we entered it when we came the first time. An undertaking of this magnitude cannot be regional or Palestinian or Arab only. It has to be larger than that. It needs to be an Islamic civilizational project that spans all humanity. So fan the flames of craving and rebellion and Islamic resistance everywhere. Palestine will not be liberated until the entire earth is turned into Palestine, which is to say that it be turned into a battle field against the international tyrant with all his dimensions.

Liberated centers such as the Islamic Republic and Sudan need to be supported while assistance is to be rendered to centers that are about to be liberated.

Profitable financial institutions need to be created to finance the Islamic liberation jihád with funds donated by Muslims, such as a Palestine Liberation Bank, an Islamic World Liberation Bank.

In this context I endorse the call for the creation of an Islamic army for the liberation of Palestine and the occupied regions of Muslim land.

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The biggest danger against which we must direct all our strength today in order to stop it is the American imperialist advance toward the heart of our nation [Muslim world community]. We must condemn every cooperation or sympathy with it or loyalty for it. All that is grave religious transgression and national treason that cannot be forgiven.

Therefore we are concerned that the Americans should not attain their aims with this Crusader campaign. We are apprehensive that this will put the Muslim world community once again under a direct Jewish American protectorate. The Islamic resurgence would be the biggest victim. Our interests are diametrically opposed to the Jewish American interests.

By using the hands and the blood of their Western victims they want to remove the remaining obstacle in the region to another leap of theirs for which the regional and international conditions are given in abundance, namely, to swallow the West Bank and Jordan.

Whatever our position with regard to the Iraqi regime may be, we consider it a religious duty to prevent it from succumbing to the Jewish American bombs.

We here back with all our force the call to jihád made by His Excellency 'Ali Khamene'i, who called the Muslim world community to jihád in order to drive out the Great Satan.

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This is a religious duty, a nationalist obligation and a service to human civilization. We do this without inciting feelings of racial or religious hatred. We have lived together with Jews and they had the best days of their life under the protection of our civilization before the Crusader West enticed them und seduced them and threw them into the fire of our anger and our jihád, exposing Judaism as a religion and Jews as a religious community to the danger of annihilation. We Muslims, victims of an international conspiracy, we feel for the peoples of Europe and America who are oppressed by that hideous alliance of the Jewish establishment and the Capitalist establishment that goes today by the name of World Order, that hideous establishment under the leadership of the Zionist American administration that leads the world toward destruction and ignites hatred between peoples and religions, especially between Islam and the Western peoples, spreading

corruption, igniting wars and expanding the circle of exploitation and plunder, disseminating misery and deadly diseases, and exterminating all that is divine in the life of humanity and civilization, turning mankind into a herd that is being driven with the stick of the media, the stock market, international law, and huge fleets. It is being driven to total destruction under the leadership of a hidden government, which is about to go public by officially proclaiming its conditions through the mouths of the rabbis and to inscribe them upon the temple in Jerusalem.

We appeal to the conscience of every believer in God and the dignity of man: Wake up and beware! The Zionist American plan of destruction is about to pounce upon its prey, upon all religion and morals, authentic thought, high arts, and human relations of brotherhood and family.

We declare, full of grief, that we continue to regard Zionism as the greatest enemy of all religion and ethics. The allies of Zionism are the allies of Satan. The biggest among them, and the most criminal and dangerous for civilization, religion, and world peace is the American administration. This is truly the Great Satan and the worst enemy.