

**Final Recommendations**  
**Towards an Action Plan on Belonging and Legal Identity**  
**25 May 2021**

We, the participants<sup>1</sup> in the Arab Regional Meeting: “Towards an Action Plan on Belonging and Legal Identity”, which was held on May 25, 2021, virtually, with the inauguration of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers’ Council, Her Excellency the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Tunisia, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and in the presence of Representatives of the Ministries of Interior and Justice in the Arab region, and international and regional organizations;

We highly appreciate the efforts of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, the General Secretariat of the Arab Interior Ministers’ Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for organizing this important meeting;

We affirm what was declared in the Arab Charter on Human Rights on the right of all persons to acquire a nationality (in Article 29) and a dignified family life; and with reference to the principles of the Sharjah Declaration relating to the protection of refugee children that define the necessary measures to ensure that refugee children enjoy all their legal rights, and the sustainable development agenda developed by the United Nations, which urges states to provide legal identity for all, including birth registration by 2030; and the recommendations issued by the first Arab Conference on: “Good practices and regional opportunities to promote women’ equal nationality rights, and the recommendations of the Arab Declaration on Belonging and Legal Identity of 2018 related to equal nationality rights between men and women, and the right of every child to have identification papers.

- We commend the efforts of Member States and encourage them to move forward in light of relevant Human Rights instruments and Sustainable Development Goals applicable to all persons;
- We remain committed to ensuring legal identity for all by ensuring universal registration of all children born in the region, including by strengthening civil registration systems and supporting the right of every child to acquire a nationality;
- We emphasize the importance of gender equality in the framework of the Cairo Declaration for Arab Women and the Strategic Action Plan “Women’s Development Agenda in the Arab Region 2030, the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan and the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, while recognizing the need to ensure gender equality, empower women, girls and children, and provide legal identity for all; and encouraging development actors to support the ability of governments to enforce these efforts;
- We recommend that the Arab Regional Action Plan on “Belonging and Legal Identity” be referred and submitted to the Arab Justice and Interior Ministers’ Councils for adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> The member states of the League of Arab States (the State of Kuwait, the Republic of Sudan, the Republic of Yemen, the Republic of Tunisia, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the State of Palestine, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Republic of Iraq, the Republic of Lebanon, the Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Libya). The list of participants is attached.