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YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY JERUSALEM DECLARATION

Our university senate has accepted the following declaration related to Jerusalem by unanimous votes at the meeting held on 15th May, 2018.

The holy city of Jerusalem, which we had protected for ages as the city of peace for the members of all religions until its invasion in 1917, is being shaken again by new injustices and massacres at the end of its century of slavery and disgrace.

The transfer decision of the USA embassy and the persistence of putting this decision into action abruptly portray the ignition of an enormous fire which has the potential to affect not only our region but also the whole world in time, when considered along with the other affairs in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister of Israel made an unfortunate speech with references to extracts about the revival of Zionism from Talmud and Torah at the opening ceremony of the embassy. In his speech he declared Jerusalem as the “capital of the Jewish Government”, which presents us the confrontation of a mentality that perceives the world with a history and religion based war ideology. However, in the meantime with the opening, having been fired upon, the unarmed civilian Palestinians were slaughtered as if it was aimed to show that “brute force surpasses justice and humanity conscience.”

As the home of all divine religions, Jerusalem hosts the moral heritage of humanity. The special status of Jerusalem is supported by plenty of decisions taken by the United Nations. The related resolutions of the United Nations Security Council forbid the opening of an embassy in Jerusalem since it is a land under invasion. As a result of the continuum started by Turkey, the last polls held at the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly last December proved that not only the Muslim countries but also a great coalition of humanity sheltering several religions and identities are in opposition to this act as a means of the approval of the invasion.

As a university providing diplomacy and international law education while trying to keep the belief in right and justice alive in the conscience of our students, we definitely condemn the USA and Israel’s actions raising new conflicts and the relentless massacres aiming the civilian Palestinians in resemblance of a genocide.