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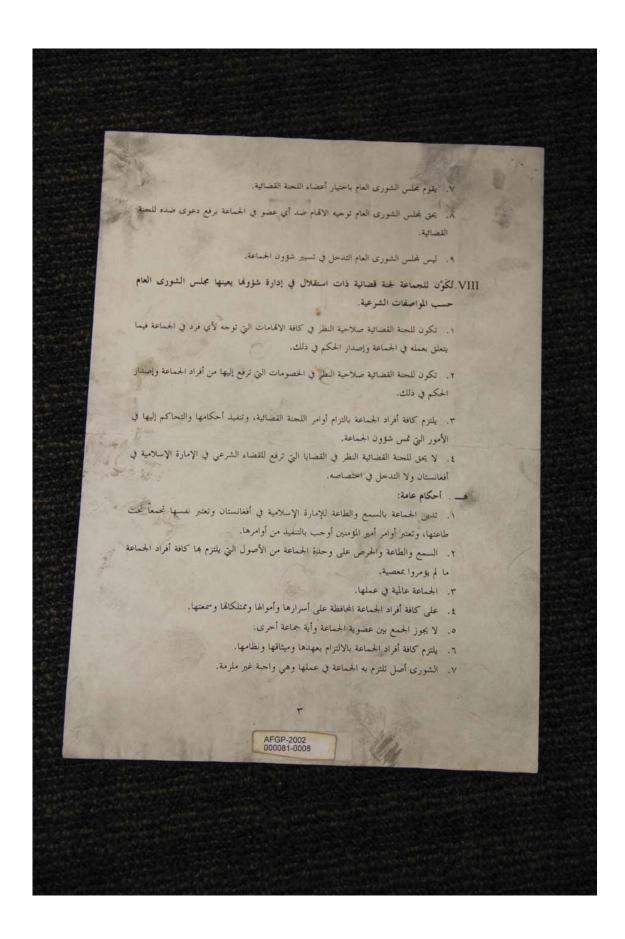
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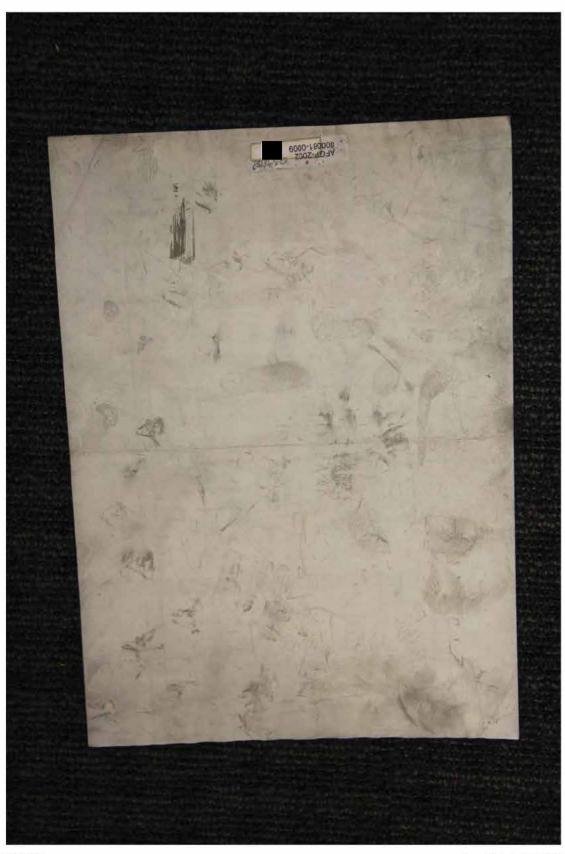




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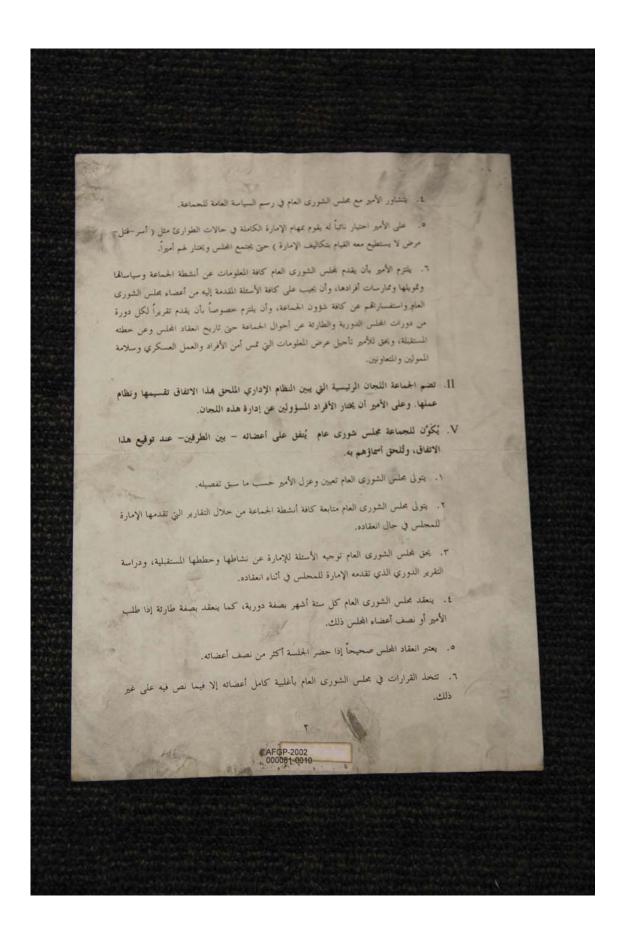
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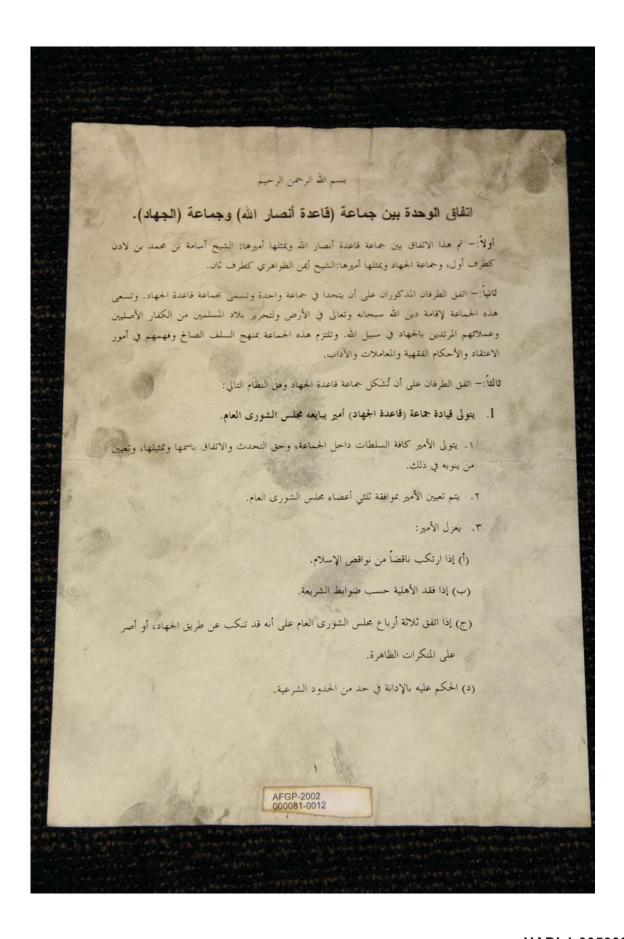
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In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Union Agreement between Qa'idat Ansar Allah group and Al-Jihad Group

Firstly: This agreement has been made between Qa'idat Ansar Allah Group represented by its Emir, Sheik 'Usamah Bin-Muhammad Bin-Laden, first party, and Al-Jihad Group represented by its Emir, Sheik 'Ayman Al-Zawahiri, second party.

Secondly: The above-mentioned two parties agreed to be united in one group under the name Qa'idat Al-jihad. This Group shall endeavor to establish the religion of God on Earth and liberate the Islamic countries from the infidels and their apostate agents through jihad in the cause of God. This Group shall abide by the traditions and views of the righteous predecessors regarding the questions of belief, jurisprudence, transactions, and code of behavior.

Thirdly: The two parties agree to organize Qa'idat Al-Jihad according to the following terms:

I- The General Consultative Council shall give allegiance to an Emir to assume the leadership of Qa'idat Al-Jihad.

- 1- The Emir shall have all the authorities within the group, he will also be the group's spokesman, representative and negotiator, and in charge of appointing someone to represent him in these matters.
- 2- The Emir shall be appointed by the approval of two thirds of the General Consultative Council members.
- 3- The Emir shall be dismissed
 - a- If he commits any anti-Islamic act.
 - b- If he loses his qualifications according to the Shari'a law.
 - c- If three-quarters of the members of the General Consultative Council agree that he deviated from the course of Jihad or insisted on obvious reprehensible acts.
 - d- If found guilty of violating a Shar'ia law.

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- 4 The Emir shall consult with the General Consultative Council in matters related to the general policy of the Group.
- 5- The Emir shall appoint a deputy to assume leadership responsibilities in case of emergencies, such as (imprisonment, death, illness where he becomes unable to undertake leadership responsibilities), until the Council meets and selects an Emir.
- 6- The Emir shall be responsible for submitting to the Council all information about the activities of the Group, its policies, finances, and the conduct of its members. He shall also be responsible to answer all questions submitted by the members of the General Consultative Council about the affairs of the Group. He shall be responsible for submitting a report to the Council at every session, whether it is a regular or an emergency session, about the state of the group (up to the date of the council meeting) and its future plan. The Emir shall have the right to postpone presenting the information to the Council to safeguard the security of individuals, military activities, financiers and collaborators.
- II- The group shall consist of the main committees and their divisions and functions as specified by the administrative system attached to this agreement. The Emir shall select the responsible personnel for overseeing these committees.

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- V- The two parties shall approve the members of the appointed General Consultative Council at the time of endorsing this agreement, and attach the list of the names to it.
 - 1- The General Consultative Council shall have the authority appoint or dismiss the Emir as mentioned above.
 - 2- The General Consultative Council shall follow up on the entire group's activities through the reports submitted by the Emir to the Council at its session, if held.
 - 3- The General Consultative Council shall have the right to ask the Emir about his future activities and plans and to study the periodical report submitted by the leadership to the Council during its session.
 - 4- The General Consultative Council shall convene periodically once every six months. It shall also hold an emergency session if the Emir or half of the members of the council request that.
 - 5- To meet the quorum, at least half of the members of the Council should attend the session.
 - 6- Resolutions shall be approved by a majority vote by the Council unless otherwise stipulated.

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- 7- The General Consultative Council shall select the members of the Judicial Committee.
- 8- The General Consultative Council shall have the right to file charges against any member of the Group through the Judicial Committee.
- 9- The General Consultative Council shall not have the right to administer the affairs of the Group.

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VIII- The independent Judicial Committee shall administer its own affairs and be appointed by the General Consultative Council according to Shar'ia specifications.

- 1- The Judicial Committee shall have the right to look into the charges against any member of the Group regarding his activities within the Group and to issue the appropriate sentence.
 - 2- The Judicial Committee shall have the right to look into disputes submitted by group members and for issuing the appropriate ruling.
 - 3- All members of the Group shall comply with and implement the orders of the Judicial Committee and seek arbitration in matters that affect the Group's affairs.
 - 4- The Judicial Committee shall not have the right to hear cases submitted to the Shar'ia Court of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan or interfere in its affairs.

E- General Rules:

- 1- The Group shall obey the orders of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and consider itself as one of its subordinate groups. It shall also give priority to the orders given by the Emir of the Faithful over its own orders.
- 2- Members shall obey, care for their unity, and follow the group's principles unless they are ordered to commit a sin.
- 3- The Group has a global work scope.
- 4- All members of the Group shall uphold its secrets, finances, properties, and reputation.
- 5- No member of the Group shall be affiliated with another group.
- 6- All Group members shall comply with their commitments to the Group, its charter, and organization.
- 7- The Group shall consider Consultation the principle means of performing duties; however, that is not a must.

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- 8- Upholding the tenets of religion, endeavoring to achieve the unity of Muslims, avoiding schism as well as maintaining the principles of the Group unity.
- 9- Giving advice to the rulers as well as the common people of the Muslim community.

This agreement is being endorsed due to God's grace on Thursday, the 16th of Rabi Al-Awal 1422 [TC: Hijri date corresponding to 7 or 8 June 2001]

First Party Second Party

'Usamah Bin-Muhammad Bin-Laden Ayman Bin-Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri

Witnesses:

Consultative Council members:

- 1. Brother Ayman al-Zawahiri
- 2. Brother Abu-Hafs Subhi 'Abd-al-'Aziz Abu-Sittah
- 3. Brother Sheikh Sa'id

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- 4- Brother Abu-Hafs Al-Muritani
- 5- Brother Abu-al-Khair Ahmad Hasan
- 6- Brother Muhammad Salah
- 7- Brother 'Abd-al-Hadi
- 8- Brother Abu Muhammad Al-Masri
- 9- Brother Sayf Al- AdI
- 10- Brother 'Abd al-Malak

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Usamah Bin-Muhammad Bin-Laden Ayman Bin-Muhammad Bin-Rabi Al-Zawahiri

Witnesses:

Consultative Council members:

- 1. Brother Ayman al-Zawahiri
- 2. Brother Abu-Hafs Subhi 'Abd-al-'Aziz Abu-Sittah
- 3. Brother Sheikh Sa'id

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