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Seventy-sixth year****Prevention of armed conflict: prevention of armed conflict****Identical letters dated 21 June 2021 from the Permanent  
Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

In the capacity of the State of Qatar as the current Chair of the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, and in accordance with the rules of procedure of the League of Arab States and Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States to the United Nations (see annex) transmitting resolution 8661, entitled “Ethiopian Renaissance Dam”, which was adopted at the extraordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, held in Doha on 15 June 2021.

It would be highly appreciated if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alya Ahmed Saif **Al-Thani**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 21 June 2021 from the  
Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the  
Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

In keeping with the practice followed by the Group of Arab States whereby the chair of each ministerial or summit session of the Council of the League of Arab States is charged with transmitting the relevant resolutions to the appropriate United Nations bodies by means of an official memorandum or letter from the Permanent Observer Mission for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, and in accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Arabic and English versions of League of Arab States resolution 8661 entitled “The Ethiopian Renaissance Dam”. That resolution was adopted by the Council of the League at the ministerial level at its extraordinary session held in Doha on 15 June 2021 (see enclosure).

In accordance with the instructions of the secretariat of the League of Arab States, I should be grateful if you would transmit the present letter and its enclosure to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council for issuance as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Maged Abdelfattah **Abdelaziz**  
Ambassador  
Head of the Observer Mission, New York

## Enclosure

[Original: Arabic]

### **Resolution 8661 adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level at its extraordinary session held on 15 June 2021 in Doha**

#### **The Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**

The Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, at its extraordinary session held on 15 June 2021 in Doha,

- *Having heard* the briefing provided by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan and the Arab Republic of Egypt on developments related to the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the results of the recent round of negotiations sponsored by the African Union with the aim of reaching agreement on rules for filling the Renaissance Dam reservoir and operating the Dam,
- *Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the Council of the Arab League, the most recent of which was the resolution adopted by the Council at the ministerial level at its extraordinary session held on 23 June 2020, as well as the resolution adopted by the Council at the ministerial level at its 153rd regular session held on 4 March 2020,

Decides to:

1. *Affirm* that the water security of the Republic of the Sudan and the Arab Republic of Egypt is integral to Arab national security and *reject* any action or measure that negatively affects those two countries' rights to the Nile waters;

2. *Express* appreciation for the efforts made by the Republic of South Africa during its presidency of the African Union to conduct negotiations on the Renaissance Dam, as well as efforts by His Excellence Félix Antoine Tshilombo Tshisekedi, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and current Chair of the African Union, to reach a just settlement of the Renaissance Dam issue;

3. *Stress* the importance of good-faith negotiations to urgently reach a fair, balanced and legally binding agreement on the Renaissance Dam that will serve the common interests of the three countries and preserve the water rights of Egypt and the Sudan;

4. *Express* concern about the impasse reached in the African Union-sponsored negotiations because of the positions adopted by Ethiopia, particularly during the ministerial meeting held in Kinshasa on 4 and 5 April 2021;

5. *Express* strong concern about the announcement by Ethiopia of its intention to continue filling the Renaissance Dam reservoir during the upcoming flood season in the summer of 2021, a unilateral measure that would violate international rules in force, in particular the Declaration of Principles signed by the three countries in Khartoum on 23 March 2015, and damage the interests of Egypt and the Sudan, in particular with regard to water facilities in the Sudan, most notably the Rusayris Dam;

6. *Demand* that Ethiopia refrain from taking any unilateral measures that would harm the water interests of Egypt and the Sudan, including refraining from filling the Renaissance Dam reservoir without first reaching agreement on rules for filling the reservoir and operating the Dam;

7. *Take note* of the statement delivered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt before the United Nations Security Council, and *express* agreement with his warning about the consequences for international and regional peace and security should a just settlement of the Renaissance Dam issue fail to be reached;

8. *Call upon* the Security Council to carry out its responsibilities in this regard by holding an urgent session to consult on this subject and take action to launch an effective negotiating process to ensure that, within a specific time frame, a fair, balanced and legally binding agreement on the Renaissance Dam is reached that takes into account the interests of the three States;

9. *Call upon* the Arab member of the Security Council (currently the Republic of Tunisia), as well as the committee established by virtue of the resolution adopted by the Council of the League at the ministerial level at its extraordinary session held on 23 June 2020 – which is charged with following up developments on this issue and coordinating with the Security Council, and which consists of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Iraq and the League Secretariat – to step up efforts and continue to coordinate closely with the Republic of the Sudan and the Arab Republic of Egypt on future steps in this matter.

(Resolution 8661 – extraordinary session – first meeting – 15 June 2021)

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