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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 8548th meeting of the Security Council, held on 13 June 2019, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

"The Security Council recalls all its previous resolutions and statements of its President which underscore the importance of developing effective partnerships between the United Nations and regional organizations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant statutes of regional and sub-regional organizations.

"The Security Council expresses its appreciation for the briefings of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, on 13 June 2019 and reiterates that cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations in matters relating to the maintenance of peace and security, and consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter, can improve collective security.

"The Security Council encourages the holding of an annual briefing by the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and expresses its intention to consider further steps to promote closer cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in the fields of conflict early warning, prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and sustaining peace; and to promote the coherence and effectiveness of their efforts. In this regard, it welcomes the already existing strong cooperation initiatives between the United Nations and the League of Arab States.

"The Security Council takes note of the outcome of general meetings on the cooperation between the Secretariats of the United Nations and the League of Arab States and their specialized agencies, the last of which was held in Geneva July 2018.

"The Security Council encourages the holding of an annual informal meeting between its members and the members of the Council of the League of Arab States; as well as the consideration of the proposal by the Council of Ministers of the League of Arab States to establish a Consultative Framework



between the Arab League and the United Nations to enhance collaboration in maintaining peace and security in the Arab region.

“The Security Council emphasizes the importance of intensifying the coordination between the League of Arab States and the United Nations special envoys, as appropriate, in addressing the current crises in the Arab region with a view to reaching a more comprehensive understanding of the crisis in the region, strengthening the capacity of the two organizations and developing effective solutions through joint action where appropriate. The Security Council also emphasizes the importance of trilateral cooperation and coordination between the United Nations, the African Union and the League of Arab States on cross-regional peace and security issues, as well as with other regional organizations on situations of common interest.

“The Security Council recognizes and further encourages efforts by the League of Arab States to contribute to collective endeavors to settle conflicts in the region peacefully while reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of countries and to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

“The Security Council commends members of the League of Arab States for their ongoing commitment to international peacekeeping and peacebuilding, including through the contribution of troops and police to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

“The Security Council welcomes the upcoming opening of the United Nations liaison office in the Headquarters of the League of Arab States in Cairo in June 2019, and encourages the United Nations Secretariat and the Secretariat General of the League of Arab States to maximize the utilization of this office toward strengthening cooperation between the two organizations.

“The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to report, as appropriate, on further ways of strengthening institutional relations and cooperation between the two organizations.”
