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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 8860th meeting of the Security Council, held on 15 September 2021, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Peace and security in Africa", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council bears in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the primary responsibility of the Security Council for the maintenance of international peace and security, and recalls the Council's previous relevant resolutions and presidential statements.

"The Security Council notes the Agreement on Declaration of Principles on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam Project (GERD), concluded between Egypt, Ethiopia, and the Sudan on 23 March 2015.

"The Security Council takes note of the negotiations undertaken on the question of the GERD under the auspices of the African Union.

"The Security Council encourages Egypt, Ethiopia, and the Sudan to resume negotiations at the invitation of the Chairperson of the African Union (AU) to finalize expeditiously the text of mutually acceptable and binding agreement on the filling and operation of the GERD, within a reasonable time frame.

"The Security Council encourages observers that have been invited to attend the A.U.-led negotiations and any other observers that Egypt, Ethiopia, and the Sudan may consensually decide to jointly invite, to continue supporting the negotiations with a view to facilitating resolution of outstanding technical and legal issues.

"The Security Council calls upon the three countries to take forward the AU led negotiation process in a constructive and cooperative manner.

"The Security Council underscores that this statement does not set out any principles or precedent in any other transboundary water disputes."

