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Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,

Recalling also article 3 of the Pact of the League of Arab States,¹ which entrusts the Council of the League with the function of determining the means whereby the League will collaborate with international organizations to guarantee peace and security, organize social, economic, cultural, administrative, technical and media relations, and enhance and strengthen the League's capacity in those areas,

Taking into consideration the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",² and in particular section VII concerning cooperation with regional organizations, and the "Supplement to an Agenda for Peace",³

Welcoming the convening of the Security Council meeting on 6 August 2013, and welcoming also the previous presidential statement in which the Council expressed its intention to consider further cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in the fields of early warning, prevention of conflicts, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding,⁴

Recognizing the need for the further strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 70, No. 241.

² [A/47/277-S/24111](#).

³ [A/50/60-S/1995/1](#).

⁴ [S/PRST/2010/1](#).



organizations in the pursuit of the common goals and objectives of the two organizations,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations,⁵

Welcoming the measures taken by the United Nations and the League of Arab States to review the existing cooperation mechanisms, recommendations and proposals, and requesting the United Nations to continue to lend its support in this regard,

Welcoming also the general decisions and recommendations of the twelfth general meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, held in 2014, at which relevant challenges to international peace and stability, sustainable development and the protection of human rights were addressed,

Recalling the eleventh sectoral meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, held in 2013, which addressed cooperation in civilian capacity-building in the aftermath of conflict,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to further intensify bilateral consultations, improve the exchange of information at all levels and advance cooperation in the political, social, economic, cultural, disarmament, conflict prevention, peacebuilding and peacemaking, and mediation areas;

2. *Calls for* the continuation of periodic consultations between representatives of both the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States in order to review and strengthen coordination mechanisms with a view to accelerating the implementation of mutually agreed projects and recommendations;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to accelerate the review of the 1989 agreement of cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, in line with their priorities and emerging challenges;

4. *Calls upon* the specialized agencies, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system:

(a) To maintain and increase contacts and improve the mechanism of consultation with the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies of the League of Arab States in order to facilitate the implementation of mutually agreed projects and programmes;

(b) To make the greatest possible use of Arab institutions and technical expertise in projects undertaken in the Arab region;

(c) To participate, whenever possible, with the organizations and institutions of the League of Arab States in the execution and implementation of development projects in the Arab region;

⁵ A/69/228-S/2014/560.

(d) To inform the Secretary-General, no later than January 2016, of the progress made in their cooperation with the League of Arab States and, in particular, in the implementation of multilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the twelfth general meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, held in June 2014, and at the forthcoming sectoral meeting on human rights in 2015;

5. *Reaffirms* that, in order to enhance cooperation and for the purpose of the review and appraisal of progress, a general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States should be held once every two years and that joint inter-agency sectoral meetings should also be convened on a biennial basis to address priority areas of major importance to the development of the Arab States;

6. *Also reaffirms* the importance of holding the twelfth sectoral meeting between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and its specialized agencies in Cairo during the first six months of 2015 on the theme “The repercussions of understanding human rights: towards a comprehensive regional cooperation approach”;

7. *Further reaffirms* the importance of holding the thirteenth general meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States during 2016, for which the dates and venue will be agreed upon in due course;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations”, the sub-item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States”.
