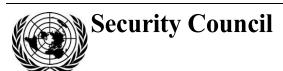
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## Letter dated 17 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to President of the Security Council

I write with reference to the letter dated 29 March 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (\$/2017/266). I should like to reaffirm that the region referred to is part of Egyptian territory and its inhabitants are Egyptian citizens. Any official action taken by the Egyptian authorities in those areas constitutes the exercise by Egypt of its sovereignty over its entire territory north of the 22nd parallel north, and the fulfilment its full responsibilities towards its citizens under the Constitution and laws of Egypt.

I should also like to reiterate the Egyptian Government's commitment to strengthening the fraternal and historical ties between the peoples and Governments of Egypt and the Sudan, and to continuing to cooperate fully in promoting the interests of the two kindred peoples.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amr Abdellatif **Aboulatta**Permanent Representative





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