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Letter dated 16 January 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to inform you that Algeria, in its capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of January 2025, will hold a briefing on the theme “Cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States”, in connection with the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security”. The briefing will take place on 23 January 2025 at 10.10 a.m.

In order to guide the discussions on this topic, Algeria has prepared a concept note. This concept note is contained in the annex to the present letter.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations



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Concept note for the Security Council briefing on the theme “Cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States”, to be held on 23 January 2025

Background

The Charter of the United Nations assigns the Security Council the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security, while Chapter VIII of the Charter emphasizes the importance of regional organizations in addressing challenges to peace and stability. Over the years, the League of Arab States (LAS) has established itself as a vital regional partner in tackling complex crises across the Arab world, leveraging its proximity, cultural understanding and historical ties to the region.

The partnership between the United Nations and LAS is underpinned by a series of agreements and initiatives that have formalized their collaboration. The 1960 memorandum of understanding and the 1989 Agreement of Cooperation laid the groundwork for institutional ties, while the 2016 Protocol of amendment marked a significant advancement, leading to the establishment of the United Nations Liaison Office to the League of Arab States in Cairo in 2019. This office has become a cornerstone for cooperation, facilitating regular dialogue, joint initiatives and a structured approach to conflict resolution and humanitarian action.

The partnership between the United Nations and LAS has been strengthening since 2012. The adoption of presidential statements [S/PRST/2012/20](#), [S/PRST/2019/5](#), [S/PRST/2021/2](#) and [S/PRST/2022/1](#) detailed the increasing scope of cooperation and coordination and necessary actions to achieve common objectives.

Despite these achievements, the Arab region continues to face a multitude of interconnected crises that threaten international peace and security. Crises, such as those in Syria, Yemen and Sudan, have resulted in widespread humanitarian suffering. Meanwhile, the Palestinian question remains unresolved, representing a central issue requiring sustained attention and collective action.

In addition to armed conflicts, the region grapples with cross-cutting challenges, including the rise of terrorism and transnational organized crime, which exacerbate instability and undermine State institutions.

The upcoming briefing provides a timely opportunity to reflect on the challenges and potential areas for growth in the relationship between the Security Council and LAS. By strengthening this partnership, the international community can better respond to the region's immediate crises while laying the groundwork for sustainable peace and security in the Arab world, thus contributing to the strengthening of multilateralism, as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of actions adopted lately in the “Pact for the Future”.

Objectives

The purpose of this briefing is to examine a number of important topics, including:

- To assess the current state of collaboration between the United Nations and LAS in addressing multiple persisting regional crises

- To identify practical methods to leverage the position and expertise of the Security Council and LAS in conflict prevention and resolution
- To consider immediate and long-term strategies and mechanisms for successfully addressing ongoing regional challenges
- To explore avenues for the development of joint approaches to humanitarian assistance and civilian protection
- To consider mechanisms for addressing regional spillover effects of conflicts

Questions to guide the discussion

The following questions have been developed to help orient the discussion:

1. How can the Security Council and LAS better synchronize their efforts to address the multiple crises affecting the Arab region?
2. What practical steps can the United Nations and LAS take to enhance their joint capacity for conflict prevention and resolution in response to emerging regional challenges?
3. How can the existing strategic framework of cooperation be strengthened to better address emerging regional security challenges?
4. How can the Security Council and LAS develop more effective mechanisms for implementing Security Council resolutions?

Format

The meeting will be chaired by the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, National Community Abroad and African Affairs of Algeria, Ahmed Attaf .

Briefers

The following speakers will brief the Security Council:

- The Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations
- The Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Ahmed Aboul Gheit
