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**Letter dated 17 March 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to inform you that the United Arab Emirates, in its capacity as president of the Security Council for the month of March 2022, intends to hold a high-level briefing in connection with the item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security”, on the theme “Cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States”. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber.

In order to guide the discussions on this topic, the United Arab Emirates has prepared a concept note (see annex).

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



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**Concept note for the Security Council high-level briefing on the theme “Cooperation between the Security Council and the League of Arab States”, to be held on 23 March 2022**

**Background**

Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations is dedicated to regional arrangements and recognizes the role regional organizations can play in the maintenance of international peace and security. In particular, Article 52 stipulates that “the Security Council shall encourage the development of pacific settlement of local disputes through [...] regional arrangements”. Article 53 establishes a mechanism that allows the Council to use regional arrangements to implement its enforcement measures, and Article 54 requires regional organizations to keep the Council informed of their activities pertaining to the maintenance of international peace and security.

Over the years, the Security Council has recognized the importance of strengthening its cooperation with regional and subregional organizations. In resolution [1631 \(2005\)](#), the Council expressed its determination to take appropriate steps to further the development of such cooperation in pursuit of maintaining international peace and security.

More recently, the Security Council has sought to enhance its cooperation with the League of Arab States through the adoption of presidential statements in 2019 and 2021. It also reiterated its intention to consider further steps to promote closer cooperation between the two organizations in the fields of conflict early warning, prevention, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, sustaining peace, addressing root causes of conflicts, and counter-terrorism, as well as in other areas of common interest. Through these presidential statements, the Security Council supported the holding of an annual briefing by the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States. It also encouraged 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 an informal meeting between its members and representatives of the Arab Summit Troika and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States on the margins of the high-level segment of the General Assembly.

**Objective and focus of the meeting**

The meeting will offer an opportunity to explore the following issues:

- Consider the progress made on cooperation between the League of Arab States and the Security Council and explore specific measures to expand and institutionalize this cooperation within the framework of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations.
- Discuss ways to enhance coordination and cooperation between the League of Arab States and the Security Council on challenges facing the Arab region, such as armed conflicts, terrorism and the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Identify innovative approaches to strengthen conflict prevention and mediation efforts for conflicts in the Arab region, in support of the Security Council’s efforts.

- Look at ways to facilitate regular interaction and engagement between the Council of the League of Arab States and the Security Council, which would contribute constructively to the achievement of common goals.
- Identify areas where the two organizations can collaborate to promote dialogue, de-escalation, confidence-building, bridge-building, and reconciliation between and among countries of the region in order to restore regional stability and open new doors for economic cooperation.
- Enhance the joint work between the two organizations on issues affecting international peace and security, including early warning, conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, with the aim of ending conflicts and sustaining peace, as well as promoting the role of women and young people in the maintenance of regional and international peace and security.

Member States may wish to take into consideration the following questions to enhance the discussion:

1. What are some best practices of United Nations cooperation with regional organizations in the area of peace and security? How can cooperation between the League of Arab States and the United Nations benefit from the experiences of United Nations cooperation with similar regional organizations?
2. What steps should the Security Council take to enhance the Arab region's role in conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping and sustaining peace in the Arab region? How can the League of Arab States use its comparative advantage to play a more prominent role to that end?
3. How can the League of Arab States and the United Nations develop their institutional framework to facilitate further cooperation and coordination to address conflicts at all stages and to work towards sustainable peace?
4. Given that the Arab region is one of the most youthful regions in the world, how can the United Nations and the League of Arab States further collaborate on addressing challenges facing Arab youth and advancing the implementation of the youth and peace and security agenda?

### **Format**

The meeting will be chaired by Khalifa Shaheen, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates. Briefings will be given by the following speakers:

- Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Ahmed Aboul Gheit
- Razan Farhan Alaqil