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**Resolution 8524 adopted by  
The Extraordinary Session of  
the Council of the League of Arab States  
at the Ministerial Level  
(Video Conference)  
on  
The Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**

**Cairo  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

## The Ethiopian Renaissance Dam

**The Council of the League of Arab States convened an Extraordinary Session at the Ministerial Level via video conference on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, which was chaired by H.E. Mr. Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah, the Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman and with the participation of the Foreign Ministers and the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, and was held upon the request of the Arab Republic of Egypt and with the support of the Member States,**

- *Having been briefed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the latest developments of the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the outcome of the recent of negotiations which were recently held upon the initiative of the Republic of Sudan to reach an agreement on the rules for filling and operating the Renaissance Dam,*
  - *Recalling the Resolution adopted by the 153<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial Level on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 concerning the Ethiopian Renaissance Dam,*
- 1- *Emphasizes that the water security of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Sudan is an integral part of the Arab national security; and rejects any action or measure that affects the rights of all parties to the waters of the Nile River;*
  - 2- *Expresses appreciation for the initiative by the Republic of Sudan in convening the rounds of negotiations that were held during the period from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in order to reach an agreement on the rules for filling and operating the Renaissance Dam;*
  - 3- *Welcomes the UN Secretary-General's call in encouraging the three countries to reach a joint agreement through negotiations and his support for Sudan's endeavors in this regard;*
  - 4- *Expresses deep concern over the impasse in negotiations in some of its important aspects between the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Sudan and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; and affirms the necessity of resuming the negotiations in good faith to reach a fair agreement that takes into consideration the interests of all parties;*
  - 5- *Emphasizes the need for all parties to refrain from taking any unilateral measures, including Ethiopia refraining from proceeding with the initial filling of the Renaissance Dam reservoir without reaching an agreement with the two downstream States on the rules of filling and operating the Dam, given that such a measure would constitute a clear violation of the Agreement on Declaration of Principles between the three countries in Khartoum on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015;*
  - 6- *Emphasizes the necessity of adherence by the three countries to the principles of international law, the principle "not to cause significant harm", the principle of equitable and reasonable utilization of international watercourses, the principle of cooperation, and the principle of prior notification and consultation;*
  - 7- *Affirms the importance of completing the technical studies on the economic, social and environmental impacts of this Dam on the two downstream countries;*
  - 8- *Calls on the three countries to return to the negotiations in good faith and exert every effort to reach a consensus that results in concluding the negotiations as soon as possible in the event that Ethiopia declares that it will not proceed with the filling in a unilateral manner until an agreement is reached;*

- 9- *Establishes* a committee to follow up on the developments of this matter and coordinate with the UN Security Council on all developments hereof, and that its membership shall be constituted by include Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Iraq and the Secretariat General.

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- **The Republic of Djibouti** registers its reservation on Paragraph (5) of the Resolution.
  - **The Federal Republic of Somalia** registers its reservation on Paragraph (5) of the Resolution.