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(Press Release)

Permanent Representatives to the League of Arab States and the Ambassadors of the EU Political and Security Committee held their seventh meeting on 23 January 2019 at the LAS headquarters. The Meeting was co-chaired jointly by the Republic of Sudan - the current Presidency of the Council of the League of Arab States at the Ministerial level, and the Chair of the EU Political and Security Committee. The meeting held back to back with working group sessions devoted to furthering cooperation between the League of Arab States and the European External Action Service.

The Permanent Representatives and the Ambassadors of the EU Political and Security Committee discussed the topics of mutual interest with a particular focus on the Question of Palestine and ways to push the peace process forward, on developments of the situations in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya, as well as on counter-terrorism, migration issues, refugees and displaced persons, and on Iran. Acknowledging the importance of joining efforts to address common political, economic, social, and security challenges which threaten the stability of their common region. They also welcomed the strengthening of the Arab - European partnership as an appropriate regional response. To this regard, both sides welcomed the holding of the 5th Joint Ministerial Meeting on 4/2/2019 in Brussels and the 1st Arab – European Summit on 24-25/2/2019 in the Arab Republic of Egypt.