

**FRAMEWORK FOR GENERAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND ETHIOPIA
SIGNED AT CAIRO, 1 JULY 1993**

The Arab Republic of Egypt and Ethiopia,

DETERMINED to consolidate the ties of friendship, to enhance cooperation between the two countries and to establish a broad base of common interests,

DESIROUS of the realization of their full economic and resource potentials,

RECOGNIZING the importance of the traditional ties existing between the two countries that have been consolidated during their long history of close relations and linked by the Nile river with its basin as a center of mutual interest, reaffirming their commitment to the UN and OAU charters, principles of international law, as well as the Lagos Plan of Action,

Hereby agree on the following framework for cooperation:

Article 1

The two parties reaffirm their commitment to the principles of good neighbourliness, peaceful settlement of disputes, and non-interference in the internal affairs of states.

Article 2

The two parties are committed to the consolidation of mutual trust and understanding between the two countries.

Article 3

The two parties recognize the importance of their cooperation as an essential means to promote their economic and political interests as well as stability of the region.

Article 4

The two Parties agree that the issue of the use of the Nile waters shall be worked out in detail, through discussions by experts from both sides, on the basis of the rules and principles of international law.

Article 5

Each party shall refrain from engaging in any activity related to the Nile waters that may cause appreciable harm to the interests of the other party.

Article 6

The two Parties agree on the necessity of the conservation and protection of the Nile waters. In this regard, they undertake to consult and cooperate in projects that are mutually advantageous, such as projects that would enhance the volume of flow and reduce the loss of Nile waters through comprehensive and integrated development schemes.

Article 7

The two Parties will create appropriate mechanism for periodic consultations on matters of mutual concern, including the Nile waters, in a manner that would enable them to work together for peace and stability in the region.

Article 8

The two Parties shall endeavour towards a framework for effective co-operation among countries of the Nile basin for the promotion of common interest in the development of the basin.

This framework for cooperation is made in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Done at Cairo this 1st day of the month of July 1993.

FOR THE ARAB REPUBLIC of EGYPT
FOR ETHIOPIA

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