

PGA Office Memo: Meeting between the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council for the month of June, the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations on 24 June 2019

The President of the General Assembly (PGA), H.E. Mrs. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, met on 24 June 2019 with the President of the Security Council for the month of June, H.E. Mr. Mansour Al-Otaibi, Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations.

The PGA praised the programme of work of Kuwaiti's presidency and commended the leadership of Kuwait in bringing a successful adoption of the first-ever resolution on persons reported missing during armed conflict and also the first resolution concerning the protection of persons with disabilities in conflict situation. The Permanent Representative also briefed the PGA that the Security Council on 13 June issued a Presidential statement expressing its intention to promote closer cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States. The council members also encouraged the holding of an annual briefing by the League's Secretary-General and an annual informal meeting between the Security Council and the Council of the League of Arab States.

The Permanent Representative informed the PGA that the Security Council had just concluded a closed-door meeting amid escalating tensions in the Gulf region. He said that the Council issued a press statement condemning the attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf, saying they represented a "serious threat to maritime navigation and energy supply" as well as being a threat to international peace and security. The Council members also called for differences to be addressed "peacefully and through dialogue".

The PGA briefed the Permanent Representative on the upcoming events of the General Assembly. The Permanent Representative, on his national capacity and coordinator of Arab Group expressed his support to the PGA and praised her work in defending and championing multilateralism. Both reaffirmed the importance of greater coordination and transparency between the General Assembly and the Security Council in maintaining international peace and security.

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