

## **The First Joint Ministerial Council of the Arab Ministers of Agriculture and Water**

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- Draft Cairo Declaration

### **Decides to**

#### **First: Cairo Declaration**

- a. Adopt the Cairo Declaration as attached to the decision.
- b. Call on the Arab countries to follow up the implementation of the Declaration, and invite donor organizations, financing funds, and concerned Arab and international organizations to support the Arab countries' efforts to improve and activate coordination between the water and agriculture sectors on the level of policies, planning, and investment, nationally and regionally, to achieve water and food security and environmental sustainability.

#### **Second: Institutionalizing regional coordination mechanisms between the water and agriculture sectors**

- a. The joint ministerial meeting between the Arab ministers of water and agriculture shall be held once every two years.
- b. A joint technical secretariat for the joint ministerial council shall be set up. It shall comprise the technical secretariat of the Arab water ministerial council and the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development. The technical secretariat shall cooperate with the concerned regional and international organizations.
- c. A high-level technical committee consisting of experts and senior officials from the ministries concerned with the water and agriculture sectors shall be established to follow up the implementation of the Cairo Declaration. The committee shall meet once every year.

#### **Third:**

- a. Emphasise the Arab Foreign Ministers Ministerial Council's decision No. 7935 – d.a (144) - C 2 -13/9/2015 in its 144th session on preserving water resources in the Arab world.
- b. Emphasise the Arab water rights in the joint water sources with non-Arab countries.

#### **Fourth:**

Send a cable of thanks and appreciation to the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for all the efforts he made throughout his term as director general.

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