Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 22nd of November, 2021, in connection with the Council’s consideration of the item entitled "The Situation in Ethiopia," the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The UN Security Council is deeply concerned with the escalations in Ethiopia. Over the past days, fighting has moved increasingly closer to the densely populated capital of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Without an end to the fighting, mass starvations are likely to worsen due to constricted allocation of resources and aid. This council calls for an immediate cease-fire in order to bring all parties involved to peace talks in a neutral third party’s territory, and to allow humanitarian aid to be dispersed through the area. This Council urges that both parties look towards a diplomatic solution, and encourage conversation to bring about peace in the region. The Security Council would like to recommend that a third party take part in these peace negotiations, as it is paramount that these talks lead to a diplomatic end.

The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions