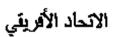
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The Peace and Security Council of the African Union (AU), at its 395th meeting held on 13 September 2013, was briefed by the AU High-Level Panel for Egypt on the situation in Egypt and on its efforts.

Council welcomed the 2nd visit to Egypt undertaken by the High Level Panel from 27 August to 4 September 2013. Council expressed its appreciation to the Egyptian authorities for facilitating the Panel's visit and its consultations with various Egyptian stakeholders. Council also welcomed the steps taken by the High-Level Panel to interact with relevant international stakeholders.

Council encouraged the Panel to pursue its efforts and interactions with the Egyptian stakeholders and other concerned actors. Council looks forward to a report by the High-Level Panel on the situation and on its efforts, as well as on the way forward.

Council reiterated its earlier communiqué and press statements on the situation in Egypt, stressing, in this respect, the need for all parties to eschew all forms of violence and uphold the spirit of dialogue, inclusivity and national reconciliation.

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