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Dear Member of Congress,

I hope you are well. As a co-founder and former co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus, I wanted to call an environmental issue to your immediate attention.

As you may know, the negotiations surrounding the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam have stalled. Without an enforceable agreement, the operations of the dam will have significant environmental ramifications, for both the populations of Egypt and Sudan as well as for the Nile's regional ecosystems.

With this in mind, if you have someone on your team assigned to conservation issues, I would encourage them to join a [Zoom event](#) on Monday, February 1 at 10:00 AM ET to learn about the GERD's current state of play from the negotiators themselves.

On behalf of the Egypt Embassy, I'm including the full invitation with relevant details below.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
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CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING INVITATION

The Embassy of Egypt would like to invite you to join fellow Congressional staff for a virtual briefing on the **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) negotiations** on **Monday, February 1, from 10:00 – 11:00 AM ET.**

You will hear from members of Egypt's negotiating team (below) from Cairo on the status of the negotiations and the latest developments to reach a resolution of the GERD dispute:

- **Dr. Hisham Bekhit**, Professor of Irrigation and Hydraulics, Faculty of Engineering at Cairo University; and
- **Dr. Mohamed Helal**, Legal Counsel of Egypt's Foreign Minister; Assistant Professor of Law, Moritz College of Law; and Affiliated Faculty, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University

The briefing will provide a valuable inside look on the **current negotiations between Egypt, Ethiopia, and Sudan** and will be an opportunity for Congressional staff to inquire about developments and pose questions related to the negotiations.

To attend this event, please register using the [Zoom link](#) and you will receive an automatic link for the briefing.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:25 AM: GERD Negotiations State of Play

10:25 – 10:55 AM: Q&A

We hope you can join us and look forward to your questions.

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