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Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2570 (2021), related to the agenda item “The situation in Libya” and adopted on 16 April 2021. Resolution 2570 (2021) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 15 April 2021, addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/367 (enclosure to annex I);

Letters received in reply from the members of the Security Council indicating their national position on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI);

A statement subsequently submitted by a member of the Security Council providing an explanation of its vote (annex XVII).

This letter and its enclosure will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
President of the Security Council



Annex I

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/367 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 April 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 16 April 2021.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstention) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division of the Secretariat (egian@un.org) a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above.

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Friday, 16 April 2021.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

United Nations

S/2021/367

**Security Council**Provisional
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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution**

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (2011) and all its subsequent resolutions on Libya, including resolutions 2259 (2015), 2510 (2020) and 2542 (2020) and the statements of its President,

Reaffirming its commitment to the UN-facilitated Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process and to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya,

Welcoming the agreement to hold national Presidential and Parliamentary elections on 24 December 2021 as set out in the roadmap of the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) in Tunis in November 2020 and *noting* that the constitutional basis for elections and the relevant election law, should be in place by 1 July 2021 in order to allow the High National Elections Commission adequate time to prepare for elections according to the prescribed timeline,

Welcoming the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement (S/2020/1043),

Recalling the commitment of the participants of the Berlin Conference to refrain from interference in the armed conflict or in the internal affairs of Libya and their call on international actors to do the same,

Recognising the important role of neighbouring countries and regional organisations in support of the United Nations and *expressing concern* over the impact of the conflict on neighbouring countries including with regards to threats arising from the *illicit* transfer, destabilising accumulation and misuse of weapons and the flow of armed groups and mercenaries,

Expressing grave concern over the exploitation of situation in Libya by terrorist and violent groups, and *reaffirming* the need to combat, in accordance with international law including the Charter of the United Nations, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts,

Recalling resolutions 2532 (2020) and 2565 (2021), and *expressing* grave concern with regards to the deteriorating humanitarian situation and the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Libya,

Reiterating its grave concern at the smuggling of migrants and refugees and human trafficking through Libya, and *welcoming* the work of the United Nations

Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) in coordinating and supporting the provision of humanitarian assistance for refugees and migrants,

Recognising the need to protect women, including those participating in public spaces, from threats and reprisals, *underlining* the need for the effective deployment of women and child protection advisers as part of UNSMIL as requested in resolution 2542 (2020) and *recalling* its request that UNSMIL take fully into account a gender perspective when implementing its mandate,

Recalling its determination in its resolution 2213 (2015) that the situation in Libya continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Welcomes* the interim Presidency Council and the interim Government of National Unity as the Government of Libya charged with leading the country up to national elections on 24 December 2021, as set out in the LPDF roadmap;

2. *Calls* on the interim Government of National Unity to make the necessary preparations for free, fair and inclusive national Presidential and Parliamentary elections on 24 December 2021 as set out in the LPDF roadmap, including arrangements to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and the inclusion of youth and to provide prompt funding for the High National Elections Commission;

3. *Recalls* that free, fair and credible elections will allow the Libyan people to elect a representative and unified government and reinforce the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya;

4. *Calls* on the relevant authorities and institutions, including the House of Representatives, to take the actions set out in the LPDF roadmap to facilitate the 24 December 2021 Presidential and Parliamentary elections, including to clarify the constitutional basis for elections and the enactment of legislation, as necessary, by 1 July 2021 in order to allow the High National Elections Commission adequate time to prepare for elections according to the prescribed timeline and *further calls* on the LPDF to take steps to facilitate the elections if necessary;

5. *Underlines* the importance of an inclusive, comprehensive national reconciliation process, *welcomes* the support of regional organisations in this regard, and *underlines* the importance of the implementation of confidence-building measures to create an environment conducive for successful national elections;

6. *Recalls* resolution 2542 (2020) and UNSMIL's role to provide support to the Libyan transition process, including the organisation of elections, and *underscores* UNSMIL's role in supporting the upcoming elections on 24 December 2021;

7. *Calls* on the interim Government of National Unity to improve the delivery of basic services to the Libyan people, to combat corruption, to protect human rights and to ensure the transparent and equitable management of resources as set out in the LPDF roadmap;

8. *Underlines* the importance of the unification of Libya's institutions; good governance and improved economic performance, including through agreement on a unified budget; and the swift agreement on sovereign positions, as set out in the LPDF roadmap;

9. *Reaffirms* its intention to ensure that assets frozen pursuant to paragraph 17 of resolution 1970 (2011) shall at a later stage be made available to and for the benefit of the Libyan people;

10. *Underlines* the need to plan for the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of armed groups and all relevant non-state armed actors, security sector

reform and the establishment of an inclusive, accountable, civilian-led security architecture for Libya as a whole;

11. *Emphasises* that those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of international human rights law must be held accountable;

12. *Calls* on all Libyan parties to ensure full implementation of the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement and *strongly urges* all Member States to respect and support the full implementation of the ceasefire agreement, including through the withdrawal of all foreign forces and mercenaries from Libya without delay;

13. *Recalls* its decision that all Member States shall comply with the arms embargo, *demands* full compliance including by all Member States with the arms embargo imposed under resolution 1970 (2011), as modified by subsequent resolutions, including by ceasing all support for and withdrawing all armed mercenary personnel and *demands* all Member States not to intervene in the conflict or take measures that exacerbate the conflict;

14. *Recalls* its decision that individuals or entities engaging in, or providing support for acts that threaten the peace, stability or security of Libya or that obstruct or undermine the successful completion of its political transition, may be designated by the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 24 of resolution 1970 (2011) for the travel ban and asset freeze measures specified in resolution 1970 (2011), as modified by subsequent resolutions, and *stresses* that the Committee shall consider the designation of individuals or entities who breach the arms embargo; violate the ceasefire or obstruct the successful completion of Libya's political transition;

15. *Recalls* its resolution 2542 (2020) and its decision that UNSMIL should help to achieve a ceasefire and provide appropriate support to its implementation;

16. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the proposed ceasefire monitoring arrangements in Libya (S/2021/281), approves the proposals of the Secretary-General on the composition and operational aspects of the ceasefire monitoring component as set out in his letter of 7 April and, with the aim of implementing the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement in full, *requests* that UNSMIL should provide support to the 5+5 Joint Military Commission and the Libyan-led and Libyan-owned ceasefire monitoring mechanism (LCMM) including through the facilitation of confidence-building measures and the scalable and incremental deployment of UNSMIL ceasefire monitors once conditions allow;

17. *Underlines* the importance of the 5+5 Joint Military Commission further developing their plans for the LCMM including on the composition and responsibilities of the sub-committees including women's meaningful participation; the timeline, size and geographical deployment of the UNSMIL ceasefire monitoring component; clear milestones; the expected end state and security arrangements to secure the UNSMIL ceasefire monitors;

18. *Notes* that Member States and regional organisations are able to provide support to the LCMM through the United Nations including through the provision of individual monitors under the auspices of UNSMIL as well as in-kind or financial resources with regard to a list of needed equipment, as agreed by the 5+5 Joint Military Commission and *looks forward* to the appropriate provision of such support from Member States and regional organisations;

19. *Further requests* that the Secretary-General includes updates on UNSMIL's support to the relevant Libyan authorities and institutions ahead of the upcoming elections, the implementation of the 23 October ceasefire agreement, the progress made by the LCMM, the deployment of UNSMIL ceasefire monitors in

support, and criteria for their eventual departure, in his regular reporting and in any additional reports, as necessary;

20. *Expresses* its intention to review the progress towards the deployment of UNSMIL ceasefire monitors ahead of 15 September 2021, *requests* that the independent strategic review of UNSMIL should take into account the ceasefire monitoring component of the Mission and *further requests* the Secretary-General to consult the Council on any increase to the initial maximum number of ceasefire monitors as set out in his letter of 7 April;

21. *Underlines* that references in previous resolutions, including 2509 (2020), 2292 (2016), 2357 (2017), 2420 (2018), 2473 (2019) and 2526 (2020), to the Government of National Accord should be read as references to the Government of Libya and therefore shall apply to the Government of National Unity, as the interim Government of Libya, as applicable;

22. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

Annex II**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I thank you and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2021/367) submitted by the United Kingdom regarding the establishment of a ceasefire monitoring mechanism in Libya.

(Signed) **Zhang Jun**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

Annex III

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the Security Council draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” and contained in document S/2021/367.

(Signed) **Sven Jürgenson**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

Annex IV**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 15 April 2021 calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the agenda item “The situation in Libya”, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/367. France votes in favour.

(Signed) **Nicolas de Rivière**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

Annex V

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution contained in the document S/2021/367 related to the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In accordance with the procedure for adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253) from the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that India votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) T. S. Tirumurti
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

Annex VI**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 April 2021, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”, document S/2021/367.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that Ireland votes in favour of the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/367.

(Signed) Geraldine **Byrne Nason**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

Annex VII

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/367) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Kenya votes in favour of the abovementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) **Martin Kimani**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

Annex VIII**Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter dated 15 April 2021 regarding the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” and contained in document S/2021/367.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253) for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mexico votes in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Juan **Sandoval Mendiola**
Ambassador

Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

Annex IX

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter dated 15 March 2021 from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2021/367) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Libya".

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of draft resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) Niandou **Aougui**
Minister Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations

Annex X**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter dated 15 April 2021 relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/367 in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Libya".

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that Norway votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Mona **Juul**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

Annex XI

Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution submitted in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” (S/2021/367).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/367.

(Signed) Vassily **Nebenzia**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

Annex XII**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/367) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

(Signed) Inga Rhonda **King**
Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the
United Nations

Annex XIII

Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to the letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/367, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

(Signed) Tarek **Ladeb**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

Annex XIV**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter dated 15 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour of the draft resolution (S/2021/367) in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

(Signed) Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

Annex XV

Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” (S/2021/367), the United States of America votes in favour.

(Signed) Linda **Thomas-Greenfield**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the
United Nations

Annex XVI**Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council of 15 April 2021 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “The situation in Libya” as contained in document S/2021/367, I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations

Annex XVII**Statement by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations**

The United States commends the United Kingdom delegation as penholder on the two resolutions adopted today (resolutions 2570 (2021) and 2571 (2021)), particularly for the cooperative spirit in which it led the process. We also welcome the genuine commitment of members of the Security Council to crafting a strong resolution in support of the United Nations-facilitated political process in Libya and the extension of the United Nations Panel of Experts' mandate as well as authorizations and sanctions measures related to illicit petroleum exports. Importantly, the Security Council has lent its voice to welcoming the new interim Government, underscoring the importance of preparing for national elections on 24 December of this year and clearly calling for foreign forces and mercenaries to depart the country without delay.

Over the last six months, we have observed and contributed to the positive momentum in Libya. The Council has backed Libya's inclusive political progress through Security Council press and presidential statements. The resolutions adopted today underscore and bolster our firm commitment to underpin continued progress and to hold accountable those who would attempt to derail the efforts Libyans are courageously making to prepare for elections, end the conflict, and establish peace and security in their country.

We must now ensure that forward progress does not falter. Libya's interim Government of National Unity must focus on unifying institutions, delivering basic services, passing a national budget and transparently distributing resources, and, most critically, preparing for and organizing free and fair national elections on 24 December 2021. It is vitally important that Libyans establish the constitutional and legal basis for national elections without delay. By passing these resolutions, we have shown that the Security Council supports these efforts and expects the interim Government of National Unity and other Libyan institutions to meet their responsibilities, including adhering to the electoral timeline.

We also reiterate that all external actors involved in this conflict must cease their military interventions and withdraw from Libya immediately. The ceasefire agreement cannot be successfully implemented as long as foreign forces and mercenaries remain in the country. In addition, all external military support inconsistent with the United Nations arms embargo must end, including the training and financing of mercenaries and proxy forces.

The United States remains firmly committed to Libya's future, as evidenced by our favourable votes on the resolutions today. We believe that with the international community's continued support, Libyans can bring a final end to years of conflict and carve out a new future for themselves. It is incumbent upon all of us to support the Libyan people as they continue down this peaceful path toward national elections on 24 December.
