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Letter dated 7 April 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my progress report outlining proposed ceasefire monitoring arrangements in Libya ([S/2021/281](#)), submitted pursuant to Security Council resolutions [2510 \(2020\)](#) and [2542 \(2020\)](#), in addition to my exchange of letters with the President of the Security Council dated 29 December 2020 ([S/2020/1309](#)) and 4 February 2021 ([S/2021/110](#)).

In response to the Security Council request, the Libya planning team at United Nations Headquarters established a multidisciplinary and inter-agency advance team. From 3 to 28 March 2021, the advance team conducted consultations with relevant stakeholders, including the 5+5 Joint Military Commission, in Benghazi, Misratah, Sirte and Tripoli. The advance team also conducted site visits to assess key operational, security, administrative, logistical and medical requirements pertaining to the ceasefire monitoring component to be established within the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) in support of the Libyan-led and Libyan-owned ceasefire monitoring mechanism.

Taking into account the outcome of consultations with Libyan stakeholders, UNSMIL would provide a nimble team of ceasefire monitors to work alongside monitors from the 5+5 Joint Military Commission. UNSMIL monitors would be deployed in a scalable and incremental manner, subject to the prevailing conditions on the ground. They would report to the Special Envoy through the Assistant Secretary-General and Mission Coordinator.

I am proposing a phased deployment of the UNSMIL ceasefire monitoring component, which would require an initial maximum number of 60 monitors. The monitors would be deployed to Sirte once all requirements for a permanent United Nations presence have been met, including security, logistical, medical and operational aspects. In the meantime, a forward presence would be established in Tripoli, as soon as conditions permit. The proposed number of UNSMIL ceasefire monitors takes into account the Libyan request, as well as measures to allow the regular rotation of personnel in and out of Libya, while ensuring flexibility in the geographical coverage of the monitoring area.

I count on the Security Council to take note of the above considerations, as well as my interim report of 29 December 2020 ([S/2020/1309](#)) and my progress report of 19 March 2021 ([S/2021/281](#)). I also reiterate my call upon the Council to give UNSMIL a clear but flexible mandate, supported by additional resources, to enable the United Nations to fully support the deployment of UNSMIL monitors to Libya. Should the Security Council concur with my proposal, I would present to the General



Assembly the requirements related to the deployment of the UNSMIL ceasefire monitoring component. The proposal would also cover the security, logistical, medical and operational requirements of delivering these additional responsibilities.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**
