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**Letter dated 30 July 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you, in your capacity as the President of the Security Council, a letter dated 28 July 2019 from Mohamed T.H. Siala, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Libya (see annex).

I humbly request that the present letter and its annex be published as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Elmahdi S. **Elmajerbi**  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 30 July 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires  
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations  
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

Allow me to take this opportunity to convey my warmest greetings. I hope that during your presidency, the Security Council will be able to take genuine action to address the hardship of my nation's capital, which has come under open and sustained attack from by the Haftar forces supported by foreign States. The attack has claimed civilian lives and property, displaced hundreds of thousands of people, and destroyed the infrastructure of State institutions and facilities.

Most recently, in an alarming escalation on 27 July 2019, the Haftar forces carried out a savage air raid on the field hospital on the Airport road in Tripoli, killing four doctors and an emergency worker and injuring several others who had been tending to the wounded on both sides. That flagrant act of aggression is a clear violation of international humanitarian law and of all the conventions governing the rules of engagement at war, which provide that civilians must be protected and that hospitals and ambulances must never come under attack. By repeatedly and deliberately bombarding field hospitals, the Haftar forces have taken actions amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

I should like to bring those facts to your attention and reiterate our appeal that the Security Council promptly take a firm stance regarding those repeated crimes against innocent civilians, and thus fulfil its historic responsibility.

(Signed) Mohamed T. H. Siala  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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