



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 27 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I am writing to you in order to respond to the statement that the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations delivered at the 8710th meeting of the Security Council, which was held on 30 January 2020 to discuss the situation in Libya ([S/PV.8710](#)).

The United Arab Emirates finds it regrettable that the Permanent Representative of Libya made false claims during that meeting. It categorically rejects any attempt to question the credibility of the efforts of the United Arab Emirates to establish peace and security in Libya in accordance with the principles of international law and Security Council resolutions.

Since the conflict in Libya began, my country has called for a peaceful political solution to the Libyan crisis and has supported the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya, Mr. Ghassan Salamé, to build confidence among the Libyan parties. In that connection, my country has hosted more than one meeting between the Libyan parties in Abu Dhabi, with a view to reconciling their positions and making progress towards a lasting political solution that will bring an end to the Libyan crisis. The United Arab Emirates has participated in the international diplomatic effort to resolve the conflict, including, most recently, by taking part in the Berlin Conference on Libya that was held on 19 January 2020. At that conference, the United Arab Emirates reiterated its support for security and stability in Libya and the legitimate aspiration of the Libyan people for national unity and development. In that connection, the United Arab Emirates expresses its deep concern at the sudden escalation in fighting in Tripoli and calls for de-escalation and a ceasefire and urges all parties to return to the United Nations-sponsored political process. The United Arab Emirates reiterates the importance of fulfilling the commitments that were made recently at the Berlin Conference and building on the outcomes of that conference, in order to make progress on all tracks, in particular with regard to stemming the flow of foreign fighters into Libya and halting the provision of support, including weapons, equipment, and funds, to terrorist militias.

The United Arab Emirates is disappointed that the Permanent Representative of Libya misinterpreted the communiqué that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan issued. What he said in his statement is completely at odds with that communiqué, in which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan reiterated that the United Arab Emirates and the Sudan enjoy outstanding relations and drew attention to the great cooperation that the United Arab Emirates has provided with regard to the matter in question.



Lastly, I should like to draw attention to my letter dated 18 September 2019 addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2019/745](#)) and to reiterate my country's support for the tireless efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya to arrive at a peaceful solution that will end the conflict, including the three-point plan that he has put forward. Moreover, I should like to reiterate my country's unwavering commitment to comply with all Security Council resolutions concerning Libya, support the mandate of the Panel of Experts on Libya and provide full cooperation.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Lana Zaki **Nusseibeh**  
Ambassador  
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