



## Security Council

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### **Letter dated 27 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative 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 President of the Security Council, a letter from Hamouda Ahmed Siala, President of the Libyan House of Representatives, dated 25 February 2020 (see annex I), along with a letter from Khaled Ammar Al-Mashri, Head of the High Council of State, dated 26 February 2020 (see annex II), regarding the Geneva forum.

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

*(Signed)* **Taher El-Sonni**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex I to the letter dated 27 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Letter dated 25 February 2020 from the President of the Libyan House of Representatives to the Secretary-General**

We are writing to you on behalf of the members of the Libyan House of Representatives, which is seated in Tripoli in accordance with the Libyan Political Agreement concluded in 2015 in Skhirat, Morocco, regarding our participation in the political dialogue that is to be held in Geneva at the end of this month. We welcome the efforts of the United Nations and Special Representative Ghassan Salamé to promote stability and find peaceful solutions to the ongoing crisis in Libya, and we reiterate our strong desire for the success of all efforts aimed at ending the conflict that has raged for years. However, we note that many of the arrangements related to the aforementioned process are unclear and will cause it to fail. The forces that are attacking Tripoli and its suburbs continue to violate the truce, causing many civilian casualties, and to target civilian and vital installations systematically. Meanwhile, we have not yet received any information regarding either the agenda of the scheduled meetings or the method by which representatives will be selected.

We therefore inform you that we have suspended our participation in that political dialogue, and we call for and state the following:

1. The attack against the capital must be stopped. It is imperative to deliver tangible outcomes in relation to the security process (5+5 Defence Initiative) by having the parties sign a ceasefire under the supervision of the United Nations and by returning displaced persons immediately to their areas and homes.
2. The closure of the oil ports must be ended, because oil is the lifeblood of all Libyans.
3. A special process for redress and reconciliation must be started to address the needs of all refugees and displaced persons in every Libyan city.
4. The Libyan Political Agreement must continue to serve as the touchstone for any political dialogue. No amendment should be attempted unless in accordance with article 12 of the Agreement.
5. We must be provided with adequate information on all persons that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General has invited, including their names, how they were chosen and their roles.
6. We reject the list that was submitted by House of Representatives member Aqilah Salih, because it includes persons who are not members of the House of Representatives that sits in Tripoli per the Libyan Political Agreement.
7. The political process must not be started until the agenda and decision-making process of the dialogue have been announced and participants have been given adequate time to review them.
8. The agenda of the dialogue must include an integrated road map, which, in turn, must set out the constitutional process and timeframe for the transition from the provisional phase to the permanent state of affairs.

*(Signed)* Hamouda Ahmed **Siala**  
President of the Libyan House of Representatives

## **Annex II to the letter dated 27 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

### **Letter dated 26 February 2020 from the Head of the High Council of State of Libya addressed to the Secretary-General**

We commend your efforts to help the Libyan people to achieve peace and stability in the country, as reflected in your support for the United Nations Action Plan for Libya announced by your Special Representative in New York on 20 December 2017.

We refer to Security Council resolutions [2259 \(2015\)](#), [2486 \(2019\)](#) and [2510 \(2020\)](#) and the relevant statements by the President of the Security Council.

The High Council of State welcomed the invitation extended by your Special Representative, Ghassan Salamé, in his letter of 10 January 2020 (ref.: UNSMIL/2020/SRSG/OC.05), to attend a forum in Geneva. In the letter, it was stated that the forum would be attended by 13 members of the High Council of State and 13 members of the House of Representatives, and that the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) would select an additional group of 13 people in order to ensure comprehensive representation by all components of Libyan society.

By a letter of 21 January 2020 (ref.: *mim-alif-dal/003.2020*), the High Council of State responded to the invitation and named the dialogue team that had it had appointed in accordance with the conditions proposed by UNSMIL and approved by the Council.

The letter set forth conditions that had been formulated at the forty-ninth meeting of the Council in order for the dialogue to begin and be brought to completion, namely:

1. Action should be taken to start implementing the security process agreed at the meeting held in Berlin on 19 January 2020. Parties should commit to a ceasefire and ensure the safe return of displaced persons.
2. The Libyan Political Agreement signed on 17 December 2015 should be the sole framework for the process of political dialogue whose first round was to take place in Geneva.
3. Article 12 of the additional provisions to the Libyan Political Agreement should be a binding mechanism in the event of any change to the provisions of the Agreement, as indicated in paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution [2510 \(2020\)](#).

However, the forces of the aggressor Khalifa Haftar have not complied with the ceasefire; instead, they have continued to bombard civilians and vital infrastructure in Tripoli. Moreover, the Head of UNSMIL has not complied with the provisions set out in his letter with regard to the number of participants from outside the High Council of State and the House of Representatives and the criteria for their selection.

Because we are committed to providing conditions conducive to the launch of the dialogue, and because we wish to ensure its effectiveness, the Higher Council of State decided at its forty-ninth session to suspend its participation in the dialogue forum until such a time as the necessary conditions are in place. Chief among these are firstly, that the security process (5+5 Defence Initiative) should yield tangible results, and, secondly, that the commitments set out in the aforementioned letter from

the Special Representative with regard to the numbers of participants from outside the High Council of State and the House of Representatives, and the criteria for their selection, should be fulfilled.

(*Signed*) Khaled Ammar **al-Mashri**  
Head of the High Council of State

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