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Letter dated 9 February 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

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information.

On 9 February 2019, a warplane belonging to the general command of the eastern region conducted an air raid against an airfield in the Fil oil field, which is located in southern Libya, as a Libyan Airlines civilian aircraft carrying a number of wounded persons for treatment in Tripoli was on the runway of that airfield. That act, which, at the very least, can only be described as an act of terrorism, constitutes a violation of all national laws, humanitarian law and international instruments. The air raid caused significant damage to the air field's runway and the infrastructure of the field, which is the largest of the main oil fields in southern Libya.

Those who committed this act of destruction, which is an act of provocation and an escalation, bear full responsibility therefor. They endangered the lives of civilians and a source of livelihood of the Libyan people, in a flagrant violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, in which the Council has consistently called for a ceasefire and stressed the need to protect civilians from atrocities and dangers, and to spare oil facilities throughout the country from the effects of any military action. In addition, the Council has called upon all Libyan political actors to come to the negotiating table, with a view to arriving at a consensus that will end the country's political crisis.

My country's Government calls upon the Security Council to act swiftly in order to put an immediate end to such acts. In addition, it must require all Libyan actors to implement all Security Council resolutions concerning Libya, including resolutions 1970 (2011), 2174 (2014), 2213 (2015) and 2238 (2015), stress that there can be no military solution the political crisis and call for a halt to all armed attacks that endanger State institutions.

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

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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





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