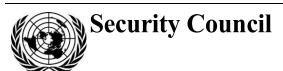
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Letter dated 3 July 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a statement from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Libya on the targeting of the Tajura' shelter for illegal immigrants (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.



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[Original: Arabic]

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the targeting of the Tajura' shelter for illegal migrants

First, may God have mercy on those who perished as a result of this heinous aggression and the intentional aerial bombardment of the Tajura' shelter for illegal migrants that was carried out by the Haftar forces. Nearly fifty innocent persons seeking a better life, one in which they enjoyed serenity and peace, were killed in that attack.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of National Accord condemns in the strongest terms this heinous massacre and intentional bombardment and calls upon the international community, and the African Union in particular, to act immediately and investigate, with a view to identifying the aircraft, which belongs to the Haftar forces that are attacking Tripoli.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns this heinous crime and welcomes the call of the African Union for an independent and transparent investigation to be conducted, in order to ensure that those responsible for this crime are held accountable.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of National Accord stress that this crime, which contravenes all international laws and norms, must be documented and condemned by international human rights organizations, and that the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has previously called upon the Security Council to convene an emergency meeting on Libya and to discuss the attack against the capital, Tripoli, and the attempt to overthrow the legitimate Government by force of arms. It now calls upon the Security Council and the major, influential States to shoulder their responsibility to take action with regard to the crimes that are being committed, as those crimes, including the bombardment of civilian airports, are tantamount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, or even acts of terrorism, under international laws and conventions and the protocols supplementary thereto.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirms that the Government of National Accord is fulfilling its responsibility to ensure the safety of illegal migrants that are in its shelters. This is a matter that is receiving great attention and government officials at all levels visit the shelters regularly.

In that connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirms that it has reached out directly to the international community and international and human rights organizations, including, first and foremost, the Security Council, as well as the International Organization for Migration, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Criminal Court, with a view to documenting and investigating this crime.

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