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**Letter dated 28 February 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I wish to inform you that today, 28 February 2020, the forces attacking the city of Tripoli carried out indiscriminate and violent shelling, including with heavy weapons, firing more than 100 Grad rockets at civilian neighbourhoods in the Abu Salim and Hadbah districts and at Mitiga International Airport. The shelling resulted in heavy civilian casualties and considerable damage to the city's infrastructure. By this act of terrorism, the leader of the hostile forces has demonstrated his clear intention to stymie all international efforts aimed at bringing about peace in Libya. Such attacks constitute blatant violations of the truce announced last January. Continued criminal acts of this type could prompt the massive displacement of Tripoli's inhabitants, who make up one third of the country's population, and lead to a terrible humanitarian catastrophe.

In that context, my Government wishes to remind the Security Council of its various resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution [2510 \(2020\)](#), in which the Council condemned the military escalation on the outskirts of Tripoli and demanded that all parties comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law. My Government calls on the Council to exert pressure on the aggressor and his allies from countries that have wrought havoc in Libya through their incessant support for this onslaught, and urges the Council to move swiftly to put an end to this absurd situation, which is adversely affecting the lives of civilians and spreading terror among them. The aggressor must sign the truce brokered by the United Nations and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, Ghassan Salamé, in order to ensure compliance with an eventual ceasefire and the return of displaced persons, and thereby the success of the political and military dialogue in Geneva.

While informing you of these dangerous developments, the Libyan Government reaffirms that it will continue to do its duty and confront this aggression with all the means at its disposal. In so doing, it is exercising its rights, which are enshrined in national legislation and international law. By the same token, it does not rule out any option for peace, provided that all the parties – and in particular the international actors – display credibility and good faith in working to bring stability to Libya and helping Libyans to reach solutions that are acceptable to all.

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

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