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**Letter dated 4 May 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 the President of the Security Council, a press statement issued in Tripoli on 30 April 2020 by the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of the State of Libya (see annex).

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

(Signed) Taher Elsonni  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 4 May 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Press statement issued by the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord in Tripoli on 30 April 2020**

We would like to make it clear to and assure the international community, in particular those friendly countries that are concerned with Libyan affairs, that we continue to be committed to saving Libyan lives. Accordingly, we declared our commitment to Security Council resolution [2510 \(2020\)](#), in which the Council endorses the conclusions of the Berlin Conference and calls for a cessation of hostilities and civilians to be protected. Moreover, we unilaterally signed the ceasefire proposed by Russia and Turkey.

Unfortunately, the number of documented violations by the aggressor has increased since the Security Council adopted that resolution. The hostile militias have not stopped bombing residential neighbourhoods in the capital, Tripoli. As a result, dozens of civilians have been killed and their homes destroyed.

Despite those violations, we once more agreed to the humanitarian truce that has been called for by many international and regional organizations, with a view to protecting our citizens and anyone else currently in the territory of Libya, in particular those who are here because of the coronavirus pandemic.

It has become clear to all that, as we had stated, the aggressor and his militias and terrorist mercenaries have no sense of humanity; he is taking advantage of the fact that the State is busy responding to the pandemic in order to intensify his aggression.

Past violations and breaches make it impossible for us to have faith in any truce that he announces. He has a history of treachery and betrayal. The announcement the aggressor made two days ago that he is abandoning the political agreement and staging a coup against the legitimate institutions confirms that he is not a partner for peace but a bloodthirsty individual who is obsessed with power.

Therefore, any effort to implement a ceasefire, monitor violations and establish a genuine, actual truce requires international sponsorship, guarantees and mechanisms to be negotiated through the 5+5 Joint Military Commission, which is supervised by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya.

We reiterate our unwavering position that we will continue to exercise our legitimate right to defend ourselves, stamp out threats wherever they be and eliminate outlaw groups, which have no regard for the lives of Libyans, throughout the country.

We take this opportunity to applaud the patriots throughout Libya who declared that they reject the militarization of the State and called for a civil, democratic State.

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