

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 11 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 letter dated 9 May 2020 from Mohamed T. H. Siala, Minister for Foreign Affairs 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



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[Original: Arabic]

As you are well aware, for over a year, my country has been undergoing complicated circumstances and a worsening humanitarian crisis as a result of the brutal aggression launched by Haftar in rebellion against the legitimate Government. With the support of foreign States, forces armed with various types of advanced weapons have attacked the capital Tripoli and cities in western Libya populated by more than three million people. That has resulted in the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians from their destroyed homes and death and injury to thousands in full view of world. Haftar's desperate forces, defeated in the face of the steadfastness of the legitimate forces of the Government of National Accord, have left no law unbroken. They are killing and terrorizing civilians every day, continually bombing civilian and health facilities, destroying airports and seaports, cutting off water and electricity supplies, killing and abusing prisoners, and perpetrating other crimes documented by reports of the Security Council Panel of Experts, the International Criminal Court and the Human Rights Council.

In another serious escalation, Haftar militias have committed yet more crimes to add to their previous crimes, which rise to the level of war crimes. On Saturday, 9 May 2020, they launched more than 50 Grad rockets at Mitiga International Airport, resulting in massive destruction, fires in fuel tanks, and direct hits on two civilian aircraft. On 7 May 2020, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the two Vienna Conventions on diplomatic and consular relations, Haftar's forces launched guided missiles at the Turkish Embassy and the residence of the Italian Ambassador in the residential neighbourhood of Zawiyat al-Dahmani in central Tripoli, near the headquarters of the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Supreme Court and the Supreme State Council, resulting in death and injury to civilians, including members of the diplomatic mission guard corps who were carrying out the Government's obligation to protect the inviolability of those premises.

In drawing your attention to the above, we call upon the Security Council to fulfil its historical responsibility to maintain international peace and security by condemning this blatant aggression and holding the perpetrators and their supporters accountable.

(Signed) Mohamed T. H. Siala
Minister for Foreign Affairs