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**Letter dated 15 June 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 14 June 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



Annex to the letter dated 15 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 14 June 2020 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Libya addressed to the President of the Security Council

Over a period of 14 months, from the day that the forces of Haftar launched their assault on the capital Tripoli on 4 April 2019 and up to the time that they were pushed back to the area of Sirte in central Libya, we have apprised the Security Council, on a regular basis, of the crimes and violations committed by the militias and mercenaries that Haftar brought in from far and wide to kill Libyans and destroy their property, in full view of the world, simply for the sake grabbing power and achieving the aims of his supporters. Every time such crimes occurred, not a month would pass before the Government of National Accord would call upon the international community, through diplomatic and legal channels, to fulfil its responsibility and take what decisions and actions it could in order to put an end to those crimes and to condemn and hold accountable the perpetrators and their supporters.

The failure of the international community, most notably the Security Council, at that time to confront such arrogant conduct and respond firmly to such criminal actions ultimately led to what we are witnessing today in Tarhunah and surrounding areas after their liberation. Mass graves have been discovered in which the militias of Haftar buried the victims of the atrocities that they committed before the fled. To date, 11 mass graves of unarmed civilians, including women and children, who were killed in cold blood have been discovered. What is even more horrific and blood-chilling is that some of the victims had been buried alive.

Sir, we bring this information, which is currently being documented by the competent authorities, to your attention in the hope that, this time, the Security Council will take the measures required to respond to such crimes, which are tantamount to crimes against humanity, by discharging its responsibilities fully under the Charter of the United Nations and referring the matter to the International Criminal Court, in order to bring the perpetrators to justice and ensure that they do not enjoy impunity.

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