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Letter dated 27 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith a written statement of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, in exercise of the right of reply to the statement of the President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of Libya, Faiez Serraj, during the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, on 25 September 2019 (see annex).

I should be most grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

(Signed) Lana **Nusseibeh**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 27 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

[Original: Arabic]

Statement of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates in exercise of the right of reply to the address delivered by the President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of Libya during the general debate of the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2019

The United Arab Emirates regrets the allegation made by the President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of Libya, Faiez Serraj, in his address delivered during the general debate of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2019, and categorically rejects any attempts to cast aspersions on United Arab Emirates efforts to achieve security and stability in Libya, which are in conformity with the principles of international law.

The United Arab Emirates has long supported the tireless efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya, Ghassan Salamé, to reach a peaceful political solution to end the conflict, consistent with its position that there can be no military solution to the conflict in Libya. The United Arab Emirates has hosted more than one meeting between Faiez Serraj and the Commander of the Libyan National Army, Field Marshal Khalifah Haftar, with a view to supporting the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Libya to build confidence among the Libyan parties and move towards a lasting political solution to end the Libyan crisis.

In that regard, the United Arab Emirates reiterates its call on all Libyan parties to avoid escalation and to re-engage with efforts under the auspices of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to reach a lasting political solution based on the principles agreed upon in Paris, Palermo and Abu Dhabi.

The United Arab Emirates is concerned about the continuing hostilities in Libya and the militia presence in Tripoli. It is also concerned about ongoing efforts by terrorist groups to exploit the security vacuum in Libya. The United Arab Emirates reaffirms its support for efforts to combat terrorism and extremism in Libya and to restore security and stability there.

Lastly, the United Arab Emirates notes that it has already stated its position and responded to this same allegation in the letter dated 18 September 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2019/745](#)).