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Mr President, Dear Heiko

Mr Secretary General of the United Nations

Dear friends and colleagues

Thanks to Germany for the truly initiative.

For nine years now, Libya is entangled in a crisis that is having a high toll, on the Libyans first but also on the international community, mainly the neighboring countries, amongst them Algeria.

The time has come to root out the causes of the unending and unacceptable situation. Needless to go to the reasons that brought about the crisis, we need rather to work preferably together, on operational and practical solution, that are based on a cease-fire, and the free-will of the Libyans and international legality.

We do have the instrument, multiple UNSC resolutions, the Berlin Conference conclusions, the commitment of the neighboring countries and the declared willingness of both Libyans parties and of international stakeholders.

We do support all sincere efforts through the goals of peace, cohesion and reconstruction. Algeria has from the very start lend its unwavering support to the Berlin Conference outcomes, that were confirmed by UNSC resolution 2510. We have our selves engaged in helping the Libyans to unravel the complexity of the situation they were dug into, sometimes and somehow not by their choice.

Let me state it as clearly as possible: Algeria is in no position to let go Libya towards unchartered future. Libya is part of us and we will not leave this part of us suffer or let to say sink in man-provoked tumultuous waters. The security of all neighboring States, amongst them Algeria, depend on the peace, security and territorial integrity of Libya. No one should ignore that our deep rooted family ties, our common history and our common future impose naturally our stand. The Algerian approach, overwhelmingly called for and accepted by all Libyans, is based on the following elements: immediate cease-fire, de-escalation in all areas, including the questions of energy and distribution of sources of wealth that must be distributed to all Libyans and, lastly, to help assemble the representatives of Libya around a table of negotiations. There is no solution but a political one, it means no military solution, and there is no political solution if the external forces continue to mangle in Libya, through total disrespect of the arms embargo that your Council has set forth.

We do support the Berlin conclusions, and we will steadfastly participate in all the tracks of the follow-up with the hope that all, not only the Libyans, will truly engage upon.

Let me add that we hope that the UNSG will, finally, have his say on the designation of a special representative, and with our support and the

support of the international community, and that of the neighboring States, will be a very easy step, a good signal for a long expected restart.

Let me add that our country will endeavor, within the international framework. We should not forget the African Union efforts and the projected interlibyan conference to helping all Libyans, tribes, regions inclusively, to decide the future they want, and the outcome they will freely choose, their institutions and through the procedures they'll decide. The Libyans, and only the Libyans will define the contour, with no more interference, no more weapons overflow and no more mercenaries. It is not the case yet today at this very moment when we're speaking strongly. This solution that we want to promote and that seem to be accepted by all Libyans in their differences, will definitely, preserve in the future the legitimate interest of all stakeholders involved currently in Libya. This is our shared responsibility to make that day real, the choice for a peaceful tomorrow depend on the Libyan obviously, but also of us all, and stop "cynical absurdities" that Heiko Maas has so rightfully pinpointed. It is up to us to send a message of hope to the Libyan people.