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**Intervention by Turkey**

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Mr. President,

We welcome the Libyan delegation and thank them for the presentation of their report.

In contrast with the optimistic tone used in the report, Libya is unfortunately facing huge challenges today. The human rights situation in the country is appalling. The justice system remains dysfunctional, torture is widespread and acts of violence are frequent.

Among many deficiencies, disregard for the rule of law is particularly worrying. The total impunity in which forces loyal to the Government continue to operate is causing the violation of the most fundamental human right, the right to life.

Unfortunately, a Turkish civilian, second officer of a merchant vessel, was the latest victim of these forces a few days ago. He lost his life while his dry cargo ship, sailing off the coast of Tobruk, was targeted by artillery fire from land. After the ship changed course and was trying to leave the area, it has been the target of two subsequent air attacks.

In this respect, we **recommend** Libya that measures are taken without delay to ensure that forces loyal to the Government are made accountable for their indiscriminate targeting of civilians, civilian vessels as well as civilian property and infrastructure, in order to end the atmosphere of impunity.

Thank you, Mr. President.