



**Universal Periodic Review of the State of Libya
13 May 2015
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia welcomes the delegation of the State of Libya to the UPR's 22nd session and we thank the speakers for the information given in the opening speech.

We would like to express our deep concern about the escalation of violence between the armed groups in Libya, resulting in hundreds of deaths and mass displacement. We call on all parties of the conflict to cease armed hostilities and take immediate steps to protect civilians.

We urge the Libyan authorities hold accountable those responsible for violations of international human rights and humanitarian law and abuses of human rights in accordance with international standards.

We welcome the drafting process of the new constitution by the Constitutional Assembly and invite the Libyan authorities to speed up the process, resulting in a constitution that secures the separation of powers, protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We encourage further efforts addressing the continuous limits to women's participation in political process and social life, as well as preventing violence against women.

We are gravely concerned about attacks targeting humanitarian workers, human rights defenders and media professionals due to their limited freedom of expression and dissemination of information in the country.

Estonia encourages Libya to continue efforts to become part of all the main international human rights instruments and more actively cooperate with the special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council, as well as with treaty bodies.

Estonia would like to make the following recommendations:

- to accede and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts, and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court (APIC)
- to review all laws and practices that discriminate on the basis of gender and bring them in line with international standards, including legislation with regard to marriage, divorce and inheritance
- to review the Libyan Penal Code articles limiting fundamental freedoms and release all individuals held solely for the peaceful exercise of their right to freedom of expression, assembly and association

- to ratify the Optional Protocol to CAT (OP-CAT) and implement policy measures taken to prevent torture and ill treatment and bring the crime of torture in national law into conformity with the CAT (UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment)

Thank you!