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Statement by Mrs. Audra Čiapienė, Minister Counsellor  
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at the review of Libya

Mr. President,

Lithuania welcomes the esteemed delegation of Libya at the 22nd session of Universal Periodic Review.

Despite the outbreak of the conflict which interrupted the Transitional Phase in the country and resulted in many civilian deaths, mass displacement and humanitarian crisis, Lithuania recognizes some positive steps taken by the Libyan Government, namely, the first democratic elections in 2012, establishment of the National Council for Civil Liberties and Human Rights as well as issuing of the standing invitation to special procedures. The very participation of the distinguished Libyan delegation today in the UPR session demonstrates the will and importance it attaches to the human rights mechanisms and to the dialogue with other states and the OHCHR.

In this spirit, Lithuania recommends Libya:

- To take all efforts to combat human trafficking through adopting and enacting legislation that prohibits all forms of human trafficking;
- To give full support to the Constitution Drafting Assembly and to inclusive drafting process, leading to a constitution that is fully compliant with international human right standards,
- To establish a moratorium of the death penalty as a first step to its abolishing,
- To hold accountable, in accordance with international standards, all parties responsible for violations of international human rights and humanitarian

law and abuses of human rights, including abduction of civilians, torture and deaths in custody,

- To review the Penal Code articles that undermine freedoms of expression, association and assembly,
- To create a complaint mechanism as a means for the specialised fact - finding committee to determine reparations for the victims of sexual violence.

We wish Libya peace and reconciliation.

Thank you