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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro welcomes [head of delegation] and the delegation of Libya.

Montenegro remains concerned about the violence and armed clashes in Libya. It is imperative that Libyan authorities hold accountable all parties responsible for violations of international law and abuses of human rights. To this end, comprehensive cooperation of national authorities with the ICC is vital. In addition, Montenegro encourages Libya to accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute.

We note the establishment of the National Council for Civil Liberties and Human Rights as a positive development. We would like to encourage further steps in Libya with a view to building robust human rights framework, in particular ensuring that the future Constitution is compliant with international human rights standards. In this respect, we would like to ask the Libyan delegation to provide updates on the drafting process of the Constitution as well as information on measures taken to ensure that the new Constitution will safeguard dignity, non-discrimination, equality and human rights for all.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Libya:

- 1) to establish an immediate official moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it;
- 2) to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you.