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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands would like to thank the delegation of Libya for their national statement. [and for addressing our advance questions].

We commend Libya on its active participation in the Human Rights Council, which resulted in a strongly worded resolution on the current situation in the country.

1. The Netherlands recommends Libya to ensure the safety of all vulnerable groups, including women, journalists, human rights defenders and others, and ensure respect for their fundamental human rights.

2. The Netherlands also recommends Libya to develop, as part of the drafting process of a framework for Libya’s political transition, an agenda on transitional justice and accountability, which includes investigations of all allegations of torture, to hold those responsible to account, and to provide redress and reparation for victims.

We make these recommendations because we remain greatly concerned about the effect of the ongoing conflict in Libya [, which has caused a strong deterioration in the humanitarian and human rights situation]. We fully support the efforts of the UN Special Representative to come to an agreement on a ceasefire and a National Unity Government [, and call upon all Libyan stakeholders to commit to the dialogue process, cease the military escalation and refrain from any violations and abuses of human rights].

Thank you Mr President