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**Statement delivered by South Africa**

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Mr President, South Africa warmly welcomes the delegation of Libya and the presentation of its National Report.

South Africa recognizes the significant security, political and economic challenges facing the country. We are encouraged by the assurances as reflected in the National Report for concerted national efforts to rebuild State institutions, re-establish security and enforce the law with a view to strengthening human rights and putting an end to human rights violations. We further encourage the implementation of UNHRC Resolution 28/30 on Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building to Improve Human Rights in Libya with the support of the international community.

South Africa recognizes the challenges that lie ahead and recommends the following:

1. To continue efforts in establishing stability in the country and in this regard to resume building state institutions ;
2. To ensure women's participation in public, constitutional, and transitional justice processes; and
3. To ensure the effective functioning of the National Council for Civil Liberties and Human Rights.

We wish Libya a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.