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**Statement by Austria**

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Austria warmly welcomes the delegation of Libya [and thanks them for the presentation of their national report].

We warmly welcome the agreement on a permanent ceasefire facilitated by UNSMIL and hope that this will pave the way for the relaunch of an inclusive political process in Libya.

[Accountability, the restoration of the rule of law and the promotion and protection of human rights will be of essence in order to build confidence and finally bring about a peaceful solution to the conflict in the interest of the Libyan population.]

We recommend:

* Ratify and fully align national legislation with the Rome Statute of the ICC, and cooperate fully with the ICC, in accordance with its legal obligations under relevant UNSC resolutions, including by assisting its proceedings and complying with its rulings.
* Ensure meaningful participation of **women** in political and public life, including intra Libyan political dialogue and all meetings and consultation processes related to peace talks as well as in the committee for elections.
* Protect the human rights of **detainees** in line with international standards.
* Immediately release arbitrarily or unlawfully arrested **journalists.**
* Ensure a coordinated response to **internal displacement** and review national legislation to better align policy and law with international obligations and the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

I thank you.