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Madame President,

We welcome the brotherly delegation of Libya and thank them for their comprehensive presentation.

Libya is passing through a historic time with many difficulties. Nonetheless, we welcome the Government of National Accord’s (GNA) will and efforts to improve the human rights’ situation in the country.

We call the international community to support GNA’s endeavour in this regard.

Grasping the current outlook for human rights in Libya will be incomplete without setting forth massive human rights violations committed by Haftar and his militia.

Indiscriminate attacks against civilians, residential areas, hospitals, schools and airports caused many civilian casualties and injured, creating thousands of internally displaced people.

After the withdrawal of Haftar affiliated militia, the discovery of mass graves in the city of Tarhuna is a sad testament to the horrific cruelty of these forces.

In order to soothe the pain of the families of the victims, the human rights violations by Haftar and his militia should not go unpunished and investigations by the International Criminal Court in cooperation with the Libyan authorities should be expedited.

We should reiterate that Turkey will continue assisting the UN-recognized legitimate government in its path to found a peaceful, prosperous and stable Libya.

In conclusion, we wish Libya every success during its third UPR.

I thank you.