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## Letter dated 19 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2571 (2021), related to the agenda item entitled “The situation in Libya” and adopted on 16 April 2021. Resolution 2571 (2021) was adopted in accordance with the voting procedure set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), a procedure agreed in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Pursuant to that procedure, I enclose herewith copies of the related documents:

My letter dated 15 April 2021 addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council (annex I), putting to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/369 (enclosure to annex I);

Letters received in reply from the members of the Security Council indicating their national position on the draft resolution (annexes II to XVI);

Statements subsequently submitted by Security Council members providing explanations of their votes (annexes XVII to XVIII).

This letter and its enclosures will be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**  
President of the Security Council



## Annex I

### **Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council**

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon by the members of the Security Council in the light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, as set out in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to all members of the Council (S/2020/253), I would like to draw your attention to the following.

The members of the Council have discussed a draft resolution, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”. That draft resolution, contained in document S/2021/269 and enclosed herein, has been put into blue.

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I hereby put the above-mentioned draft resolution to a vote. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period for this draft resolution will begin at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 April 2021. The non-extendable 24-hour voting period will expire at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 16 April 2021.

Please submit your vote (in favour, against or abstain) on the draft resolution, as well as your possible explanation of vote, by sending a letter signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. within the non-extendable 24-hour voting period set out above to the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division in the United Nations Secretariat ([egian@un.org](mailto:egian@un.org)).

It is my intention to circulate a letter listing the outcome of the vote within three hours of the conclusion of the 24-hour voting period. I also intend to convene a video-teleconference of the Security Council to announce the outcome of the vote shortly after the conclusion of the voting period, on the afternoon of Friday, 16 April 2021.

(signed) **Dang Dinh Quy**  
President of the Security Council

Enclosure

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:  
draft resolution***The Security Council,*

*Recalling* the arms embargo, travel ban, assets freeze and measures concerning *illicit* oil exports which were imposed and modified by resolutions 1970 (2011) and 2146 (2014), and modified by subsequent resolutions including resolutions 2441 (2018), 2509 (2020) and 2526 (2020), and that the mandate of the Panel of Experts established by paragraph 24 of resolution 1973 (2011) and modified by subsequent resolutions was extended until 15 May 2021 by resolution 2509 (2020),

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya,

*Recalling* its Presidential Statement of 12 March 2021, which welcomed the vote of confidence by the Libyan House of Representatives to endorse the cabinet of the interim Government of National Unity charged with leading the country up to elections on 24 December 2021 and stressed the importance of this step in the Libyan political process,

*Renewing* its request that all Member States support fully the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, and its call on Member States to use their influence with the parties to implement the ceasefire and support the Libyan-led and Libyan owned inclusive political process,

*Calling* for Member States to implement fully the existing measures and to report violations to the United Nations Sanctions Committee, and *recalling* in that regard that individuals or entities engaging in, or providing support for, acts that threaten the peace, stability or security of Libya may be designated for targeted sanctions,

*Reaffirming* that all parties must comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as applicable, and *emphasising* the importance of holding accountable those responsible for violations or abuses of human rights or violations of international humanitarian law, including those involved in attacks targeting civilians,

*Expressing* its concern that the illicit export of petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, from Libya undermines the Government of Libya and National Oil Corporation and poses a threat to the peace, security and stability

of Libya, and *noting* with concern the reports of the illicit import of petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products to Libya,

*Recalling* that providing support for armed groups or criminal networks through the illicit exploitation of crude oil or any other natural resources in Libya may constitute acts that threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya,

*Further reiterating* its concern about activities which could damage the integrity and unity of Libyan State financial institutions and the National Oil Corporation, and stressing the need for the unification of Libya's institutions, and, in this regard, *calling* on Member States to cease support to and official contact with parallel institutions outside of the authority of the Government of Libya,

*Recalling* that international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, sets out the legal framework applicable to activities in the oceans and seas,

*Further recalling* resolutions 2292 (2016), 2357 (2017), 2420 (2018), 2473 (2019) and 2526 (2020) which in relation to the implementation of the arms embargo authorise, for the period of time specified by those resolutions, the inspection on the high seas off the coast of Libya of vessels bound to or from Libya believed to be carrying arms or related materiel in violation of relevant Security Council resolutions, and the seizure and disposal of such items provided that Member States make good faith efforts to first obtain the consent of the vessel's flag State prior to any inspections while acting in accordance with those resolutions,

*Determining* that the situation in Libya continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

*Acting* under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

### **Prevention of Illicit Exports of Petroleum, including Crude Oil and Refined Petroleum Products**

1. *Condemns* attempts to illicitly export petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, from Libya, including by parallel institutions which are not acting under the authority of the Government of Libya;

2. *Decides* to extend until 30 July 2022 the authorisations and the measures in resolution 2146 (2014), as amended by paragraph 2 of resolutions 2441 (2018) and 2509 (2020);

3. *Requests* the Government of Libya to notify the Committee of its focal point responsible for communication with the Committee with respect to the measures in resolution 2146 (2014), *further requests* that the Government of Libya's focal point informs the Committee of any vessels transporting petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, illicitly exported from Libya, *urges* the Government of Libya to work closely with the National Oil Corporation in that regard, and to provide the Committee with regular updates on ports, oil fields, and installations that are under its control, and to inform the Committee about the mechanism used to certify legal exports of petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, and *requests* that the Panel of Experts closely follow and report to the Committee any information relating to the illicit export from or illicit import to Libya of petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products;

4. *Calls on* the Government of Libya, on the basis of any information regarding such exports or attempted exports, to expeditiously contact the concerned vessel's flag State, in the first instance, to resolve the issue and *directs* the Committee to immediately inform all relevant Member States about notifications to the Committee from the Government of Libya's focal point regarding vessels

transporting petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, illicitly exported from Libya;

### **Arms Embargo**

5. *Calls* for full compliance by all Member States with the arms embargo, *further calls* on all Member States not to intervene in the conflict or take measures that exacerbate the conflict and *reiterates* that individuals and entities determined by the Committee to have violated the provisions of resolution 1970 (2011), including the arms embargo, or assisted others in doing so, are subject to designation;

6. *Calls on* all parties to implement the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement (S/2020/1043) in full and urges Member States to respect and support the full implementation of the agreement, including through the withdrawal of all foreign forces and mercenaries from Libya without further delay;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Libya to improve the implementation of the arms embargo, including at all entry points, as soon as it exercises oversight, and *calls upon* all Member States to cooperate in such efforts;

### **Travel Ban and Asset Freeze**

8. *Calls on* Member States, particularly those in which designated individuals and entities are based, as well as those in which their assets frozen under the measures are suspected to be present, to report to the Committee on the actions they have taken to implement effectively the travel ban and asset freeze measures in relation to all individuals on the sanctions list;

9. *Reiterates* that all States shall take the necessary measures to prevent entry into or transit through their territories of all persons designated by the Committee, in accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16 of 1970, as modified by paragraphs 11 of resolution 2213 (2015), 11 of resolution 2362 (2017) and 11 of resolution 2441 (2018) and *calls upon* the Government of Libya to enhance cooperation and information sharing with other States in this regard;

10. *Reaffirms* its intention to ensure that assets frozen pursuant to paragraph 17 of resolution 1970 (2011) shall at a later stage be made available to and for the benefit of the Libyan people and, taking note of the letter circulated as document S/2016/275, *affirms* the Security Council's readiness to consider changes, when appropriate, to the asset freeze at the request of the Government of Libya;

11. *Recalls* resolution 2174 which decided that the measures set out in resolution 1970 (2011), as modified by subsequent resolutions, shall also apply to individuals and entities determined by the Committee to be engaging in or providing support for other acts that threaten the peace, stability or security of Libya, or obstruct or undermine the successful completion of its political transition and *underlines* that such acts could include obstructing or undermining those elections planned for in the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum roadmap;

### **Panel of Experts**

12. *Decides* to extend until 15 August 2022 the mandate of the Panel of Experts (the Panel), established by paragraph 24 of resolution 1973 (2011) and modified by resolutions 2040 (2012), 2146 (2014), 2174 (2014), and 2213 (2015), 2441 (2018) and 2509 (2020), *decides* that the Panel's mandated tasks shall remain as defined in resolution 2213 (2015) and shall also apply with respect to the measures updated in this resolution, and *expresses* its intent to review the mandate and take appropriate action regarding further extension no later than 15 July 2022;

13. *Decides* that the Panel shall provide to the Council an interim report on its work no later than 15 December 2021, and a final report to the Council, after discussion with the Committee, no later than 15 June 2022 with its findings and recommendations;

14. *Urges* all States, relevant United Nations bodies, including UNSMIL, and other interested parties, to cooperate fully with the Committee and the Panel, in particular by supplying any information at their disposal on the implementation of the measures decided in resolutions 1970 (2011), 1973 (2011), 2146 (2014) and 2174 (2014), and modified in resolutions 2009 (2011), 2040 (2012), 2095 (2013), 2144 (2014), 2213 (2015), 2278 (2016), 2292 (2016), 2357 (2017), 2362 (2017), 2420 (2018), 2441 (2018), 2473 (2019), 2509 (2020) and 2526 (2020), in particular incidents of non-compliance, and *calls on* UNSMIL and the Government of Libya to support Panel investigatory work inside Libya, including by sharing information, facilitating transit and granting access to weapons storage facilities, as appropriate;

15. *Calls upon* all parties and all States to ensure the safety of the Panel's members, and *further calls upon* all parties and all States, including Libya and countries of the region, to provide unhindered and immediate access, in particular to persons, documents and sites the Panel deems relevant to the execution of its mandate;

16. *Affirms* its readiness to review the appropriateness of the measures contained in this resolution, including the strengthening, modification, suspension or lifting of the measures, and its readiness to review the mandate of UNSMIL and the Panel, as may be needed at any time in light of developments in Libya;

17. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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**Annex II****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I thank you and your team for the continued strong support in facilitating the voting procedure.

Please be kindly informed that China votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/369, submitted by the United Kingdom, for the mandate renewal of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011).

*(Signed)* **Zhang Jun**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

### **Annex III**

#### **Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to inform you, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, that my delegation votes in favour of the Security Council draft resolution contained in document S/2021/369, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

*(Signed)* **Sven Jürgenson**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations

**Annex IV****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: French]

I refer to the letter dated 15 April 2021 from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Security Council to vote on the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the agenda item entitled “The situation in Libya”, put into blue under the symbol S/2021/369. France votes in favour.

(Signed) Nicolas de **Rivière**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

**Annex V**

**Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/369 related to the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 (S/2020/253) from the President of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that India votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* **T. S. Tirumurti**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

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**Annex VI****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 April 2021, on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”, document S/2021/369.

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of resolutions of the Security Council for the duration of the restrictions of movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic, outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that Ireland votes in favour on the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/369.

*(Signed)* Geraldine **Byrne Nason**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

## Annex VII

### **Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/369), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Kenya votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Martin **Kimani**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

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**Annex VIII****Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the letter dated 15 April 2021 regarding the draft resolution in connection with agenda item "The situation in Libya", submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and contained in document S/2021/369.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253) for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council, I have the honour to inform you that Mexico votes in favour of the aforementioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Juan **Sandoval Mendiola**

Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Mexico to the United Nations

## **Annex IX**

### **Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing in response to the letter dated 15 April from the President of the Security Council calling on the members of the Council to express their votes on the draft resolution (S/2021/369), presented by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the item "The situation in Libya".

In accordance with the agreed temporary procedures for the adoption of resolutions during the coronavirus disease pandemic restrictions, I have the honour to indicate that the Republic of the Niger decides to vote in favour of the said resolution.

*(Signed)* Niandou **Aougui**  
Minister Counsellor  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Niger to the United Nation

**Annex X****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I refer to the President of the Security Council's letter dated 15 April 2021 relating to the draft resolution contained in document S/2021/369 in connection with the agenda item "The situation in Libya".

In accordance with the procedure set forth for the adoption of draft resolutions under the current circumstances caused by the coronavirus disease pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that Norway votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Mona **Juul**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations

## **Annex XI**

### **Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15 April 2021 on the beginning of the voting procedure for the draft resolution in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” (S/2021/369).

In accordance with the procedure for the adoption of draft resolutions of the Security Council being in place during the duration of the restrictions on movement in New York due to the coronavirus disease pandemic outlined in the letter dated 27 March 2020 from the President of the Security Council (S/2020/253), I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation votes in favour of draft resolution S/2021/369.

*(Signed)* Vassily **Nebenzia**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

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**Annex XII****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the draft resolution (S/2021/369) submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

In that respect, I wish to inform you that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines votes in favour of the above-mentioned draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Inga Rhonda **King**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
to the United Nation

### **Annex XIII**

#### **Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to the letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, regarding the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”, contained in document S/2021/369, I would like to inform you that Tunisia votes in favour of the draft resolution.

*(Signed)* Tarek **Ladeb**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations

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**Annex XIV****Letter dated 15 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

With reference to the letter dated April 15 2021 from the President of the Security Council, the United Kingdom votes in favour on the draft resolution (S/2021/369) in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya”.

*(Signed)* Barbara **Woodward**

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland to the United Nations

**Annex XV**

**Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

On the draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the agenda item “The situation in Libya” (S/2021/369), the United States of America votes in favour.

*(Signed)* Linda **Thomas-Greenfield**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of the United States of America  
to the United Nations

**Annex XVI****Letter dated 16 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In reference to the letter of the President of the Security Council of 15 April 2021 relating to the draft resolution under the agenda item entitled “The situation in Libya” as contained in document S/2021/369. I would like to hereby inform you that Viet Nam votes in favour of said draft resolution.

*(Signed)* **Dang Dinh Quy**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nation

## **Annex XVII**

### **Statement by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations**

[Original: Russian]

The Russian Federation voted in favour of the draft resolution on extending the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011).

In doing so, we are demonstrating our desire for consensus in order to reinforce the positive momentum in the Libyan settlement with the authority of the Security Council. Unfortunately, a number of our comments have not been fully taken into account by the sponsors. As we have emphasized on several occasions throughout the drafting process, we see no need to include in the resolution updated language on ending contacts with Libyan parallel institutions. In their time, they were carefully calibrated and firmly anchored in the provisions of the Skhirat agreement, and now, against the backdrop of the formation of unified Government structures in Libya, they have become irrelevant. Moreover, we still do not see the sanctions aspect to the problem of illegal imports of petroleum products into Libya. The relevant passages are taken from last year's resolution 2509 (2020), from which we abstained in the voting at the time.

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**Annex XVIII****Statement by the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations**

The United States commends the United Kingdom's delegation as penholder on the two resolutions adopted today, resolutions 2570 (2021) and 2571 (2021), particularly for the cooperative spirit in which they led the process. We also welcome the genuine commitment of the members of the Council to crafting a strong resolution in support of the United Nations-facilitated political process in Libya and the extension of the mandate of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1973 (2011), as well as authorizations and sanctions measures related to illicit petroleum exports. Importantly, the Security Council has lent its voice to welcoming the new interim Government, underscoring the importance of preparing for national elections on 24 December and clearly calling for foreign forces and mercenaries to depart the country without delay.

Over the past six months, we have observed and contributed to the positive momentum in Libya. The Council has backed Libya's inclusive political progress through Security Council press and presidential statements. The resolutions adopted today underscore and bolster our firm commitment to underpin continued progress and to hold accountable those who attempt to derail the efforts Libyans are courageously making to prepare for elections, end the conflict and establish peace and security in their country.

We must now ensure that forward progress does not falter. Libya's interim Government of National Unity must focus on unifying institutions, delivering basic services, passing a national budget and transparently distributing resources — and, most critically, preparing for and organizing free and fair national elections on 24 December. It is vitally important that Libyans establish the constitutional and legal basis for national elections without delay. By passing these resolutions, we have shown that the Security Council supports these efforts and expects the interim Government of National Unity and other Libyan institutions to meet their responsibilities, including adhering to the electoral timeline.

We also reiterate that all external actors involved in this conflict must cease their military intervention and withdraw from Libya immediately. The ceasefire agreement cannot be successfully implemented as long as foreign forces and mercenaries remain in Libya. In addition, all external military support inconsistent with the United Nations arms embargo must end — including the training and financing of mercenaries and proxy forces.

The United States remains firmly committed to Libya's future, as evidenced by our favourable votes on these resolutions today. We believe that with the international community's continued support, Libyans can bring a final end to years of conflict and carve out a new future for themselves. It is incumbent upon all of us to support the Libyan people as they continue down this peaceful path towards national elections on 24 December.

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