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Letter dated 21 January 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to annex herewith a letter dated 20 January 2021 from His Excellency Faiez Serraj, President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord, addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (see annex) concerning the request of the State of Libya to the United Nations for support and technical assistance to conduct national general elections, which it was agreed will be held on 24 December 2021.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annexes could be circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) **Taher Elsonni**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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In keeping with our commitment to continuing to strengthen cooperation and coordination with the United Nations and the international community in support of the efforts being made by the Libyan Government to respond to the numerous challenges and difficulties being undergone by the country during this transitional stage, and our desire to see through the national elections that we have supported and requested on numerous occasions, that is to say, to hold simultaneous presidential and parliamentary general elections in Libya so that the Libyan people may choose their leadership and representatives freely with a view to bringing an end to current political divisions, finding a solution to the crisis caused by the struggle over legitimacy, and consolidating the institutions of the State so as to move on to a stage of stability and reconstruction,

In line with the consensus reached at the United Nations-sponsored Libyan Political Dialogue Forum held in Tunisia, which set 24 December 2021 as the date to hold national general elections (a decision that has been widely welcomed nationally and internationally), which is now only a few months away,

In order to build on this great momentum and make sure that this will be a free, fair and credible election in which all Libyans can participate, including those displaced internally and abroad,

In order to start preparing now to secure and provide all the resources needed by the High National Electoral Commission supplementary to the 50 million dinars already allocated for this process by the Government,

And further to Security Council resolution [2542 \(2020\)](#), in which the Council welcomed the commitment of the Libyan parties to work to organize a credible and peaceful electoral process and respect the results, and decided that the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) would support and organize those elections,

We hereby convey to you our desire to invite the United Nations to provide technical assistance, explore ways to make sure that all stages of the election are implemented, and provide observers throughout the electoral process until it is completed and the final results are certified.

We stress that your response to the aspirations of the Libyan people will make a positive contribution to taking advantage of the current national and international consensus. Through you, we call on the Security Council to adopt a resolution welcoming the holding of general elections on the scheduled date that Libyans have approved and issue a mandate to UNSMIL to support Libya and provide it with the resources needed to ensure the success of the process. We also hope that at the earliest possible opportunity, the United Nations will send a team to assess needs and consult and coordinate with the High National Electoral Commission and the relevant parties, with a view to ensuring the success of this important national election.

(Signed) Faiez Mustafa **Serraj**
President of the Presidency Council
of the Government of National Accord