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Mr. President,

CIHRS and OMCT in cooperation with the Libyan Coalition for the UPR welcomes the government of Libya's stated commitment to the UPR process and its acceptance of most recommendations. However, we remain concerned at the lack of concrete and serious steps to implement these recommendations.

In this context, we call on the Libyan authorities to adopt a four-year national action plan to ensure the implementation of its UPR recommendations and to ensure consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders, including civil society, during its formation and application.

The human rights and the humanitarian situation in Libya continues to deteriorate across the country. Militias and paramilitary groups on all sides of the current conflict continue to commit grave violations that could amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Violations include direct and indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, unlawful killings, torture and ill-treatment in official and illegal detention facilities, arbitrary arrests, abductions, enforced disappearances, and forced displacement. These violations are fueled in large part by an almost total lack of effective accountability mechanisms within the country.

We further call for concrete and effective steps to be taken to remedy the obstacles that will hinder the implementation of UPR recommendations. Namely, the widespread lack of accountability for serious crimes committed by all armed factions and the failure to form a coherent vetting process for security institutions. Furthermore, Libyan authorities have failed to establish a mechanism for transitional justice and in doing so have denied truth and reconciliation to Libyan citizens. The Libyan authorities should not delay their efforts to remedy these failures or seek to justify them under the pretext of "protecting revolutionary gains" or "the fight against terrorism".

Public commitments and recommendations are not enough, and time is running out. Unless real, on-the-ground, progress is made to provide for the rule of law, democratic governance and basic freedoms then a durable peaceful solution to the current crises will likely remain a distant dream.

Thank you Mr. President.