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The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 1970 (2011) and all its subsequent resolutions on Libya, including resolutions 2259 (2015), 2510 (2020), 2542 (2020), 2570 (2021), 2619 (2022), 2629 (2022), 2647 (2022), 2656 (2022), 2702 (2023), 2755 (2024), 2769 (2025), 2796 (2025) and 2819 (2026), its Presidential Statement of 16 March 2023 (S/PRST/2023/2), and its press statements,

Reaffirming its respect for the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya and the need to refrain from external interference, and its commitment to stand by the people of Libya,

Recognising that the prolonged transitional period in Libya has contributed to political and institutional instability,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the central role of the United Nations in facilitating an inclusive Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process, supported by the international community, which will enable the holding of free and fair national presidential and parliamentary elections conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner across Libya and the unification of institutions as soon as possible, *welcoming* the Berlin Process, and *encouraging* its full participation and continued evolution and inclusivity to further advance the process,

Noting the address by the President of the Presidential Council to the United Nations General Assembly on 23 September 2026 calling for an end to the transitional period through a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process,

Recalling that all Libyan stakeholders previously gave strong guarantees to support and respect the independence and integrity of the electoral process, as well as the results of the elections, and *urging* all stakeholders to uphold these guarantees,

Welcoming the signing on 30 August 2026 and endorsement by the House of Representatives (HoR) on 28 September 2026 of the agreement of the Libyan parties within the ‘Smaller Convening’, facilitated by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), to hold parliamentary and presidential elections within 24 months, including by reconstituting the Board of the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) and amending the electoral framework, unifying of all national institutions, including military and security institutions and the judiciary, and establishing a single executive authority, *underlining* the importance and necessity of this agreement being

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supported and accepted by all Libyan stakeholders, and *urging* Libyan parties to fulfil these commitments without delay,

Expressing concern about the fragile security environment and recent developments and tensions in Libya and credible reports of deliberate attacks on critical civilian infrastructure in August 2026, *underlining* the importance of safeguarding security and stability across Libya, *welcoming* the efforts of the Libyan authorities to restore stability, *further welcoming* the engagement of UNSMIL to help deescalate tensions and advance security arrangements, *stressing* the urgency of advancing comprehensive security sector reform, *calling on* Libyan actors and institutions to urgently refrain from and address any unilateral actions which increase tensions, undermine trust, and further entrench institutional divisions and discord amongst Libyans, *underscoring* the importance of early conflict prevention efforts, *calling on* all Libyan parties to make progress on the reunification of political, economic, military and security institutions and the judiciary, and to comply with their obligations under national and international law, in particular international humanitarian law and international human rights law as applicable, to establish peace and stability across Libya, and *urging* all actors to refrain from fuelling further divisions among Libyans and undermining the political process,

Expressing its strong condemnation of the indiscriminate use of weapons, as well as the use of drones that have struck critical civilian infrastructure and populated areas, *stressing* the need for investigations and accountability, *further condemning* their destabilising consequences for the civilian population, and *calling on* all parties to refrain from such practices in accordance with their obligations under international law, particularly regarding the protection of civilians in armed conflict,

Recognising the important role of neighbouring countries and regional organisations in support of the United Nations, *recalling* resolution 2616 (2021), *expressing concern* over the impact of the conflict on neighbouring countries, as well as the impact of conflict in neighbouring countries on Libya, including with regard to threats arising from terrorism, especially in the Sahel, the illicit transfer, destabilising accumulation and misuse of weapons, illicit trafficking, and the flow of armed groups and mercenaries, *encouraging* further international support and regional cooperation between Libya, neighbouring countries and relevant United Nations bodies, in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace in the country and the region, and *emphasising* the need to respect fully the values of good-neighbourliness and regional cooperation to promote regional peace and stability,

Expressing concern at the threat posed by the diversion and proliferation of arms and ammunition in Libya and other countries in the region, which undermines stability, and *calling* on key Libyan institutions, with support from the United Nations, to take steps to secure and effectively manage stockpiles, clear explosive ordnance and explosive remnants of war from hazardous areas, and protect civilians from the risks of unplanned explosions at munition sites,

Underlining the need to plan for the disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of armed groups and all relevant non-state armed actors, as part of an integrated, comprehensive and coherent approach to peacebuilding, including the return of their members to their countries of origin, *further underlining* that this should include regional coordination and take into account peacebuilding needs and priorities,

Recognising the need to plan for security sector reform, in line with the strengthening of rule of law in Libya, and the establishment of an inclusive, unified, accountable, civilian-led security architecture for Libya, and *calling on* the Libyan authorities to engage and achieve progress on this issue,

Recalling the commitments of the 5+5 Joint Military Commission and the two Chiefs of Staff towards reunification of the Libyan military and security institutions and the creation of joint military units to secure Libya's borders and uphold the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement, *encouraging* the continuation of efforts for enhancing security integration and information sharing among Libyan security forces, including confidence-building exercises between military officers from across the country and with international support, and *further encouraging* Libyan stakeholders to take further steps to unify military and security institutions,

Urging Libyan institutions and authorities to ensure the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women at all levels, including in leadership positions, and in all stages of activities and decision-making relating to inclusive political processes, *emphasising* the need to protect women, women's rights organisations, and women peacebuilders from intimidation, threats, reprisals and attacks, *strongly encouraging* all parties to create a safe and enabling environment for members of civil society, including those who promote and protect human rights, to carry out their work independently and without undue interference, including in situations of armed conflict, and to address threats, harassment and violence, to counter hate speech against them, and to protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association, in accordance with obligations under international law, to help enable free and fair elections conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner, and national reconciliation, and *supporting* the efforts of UNSMIL to facilitate wider engagement and participation of women in the political process and public institutions, including meaningful representation of women in Libya's legislative bodies,

Expressing concern about the deterioration of public services across Libya, including recurrent electricity outages and shortages of fuel and water, *emphasising* the significant cost borne by the Libyan people as a result of fuel smuggling, diversion and illicit exploitation of state resources, *stressing* the importance of transparent, accountable management of Libya's national wealth, *further emphasising* that Libya's oil resources are for the benefit of all Libyans and need to remain under the exclusive control of the National Oil Corporation, *further stressing* the need to depoliticise Libya's oil resources, ensuring they are utilised for the prosperity and wellbeing of the Libyan people, and *calling on* all parties to allow the National Oil Corporation to undertake its work without disruption, interference, or politicisation, and to ensure oil and gas revenues are managed in a transparent, equitable and accountable manner with effective Libyan oversight,

Recalling the importance of Libyan oversight over Libya's economic and financial institutions, including the National Oil Corporation, Central Bank of Libya and Libyan Audit Bureau, which includes the responsibility to ensure their integrity and independence from political pressure, as well as the transparent, equitable and accountable management of revenue across the whole country, *emphasising* that Libya's resources should not be used for personal or political gain, *reaffirming* the importance of establishing a Libyan-led mechanism bringing together stakeholders from across the country to set spending levels, and *calling on* all Libyan political, economic and security leaders and institutions to de-escalate tensions, refrain from the use of force or the threat of the use of force or any economic measures designed to exert pressure,

Recalling the signing on 11 April 2026 of a unified spending framework as a critical step towards increasing economic coordination and resilience in Libya, *calling on* Libyan authorities to take further steps to strengthen the implementation of the unified spending framework to ensure the stability of Libya's financial system, for the benefit of all Libyans, and *reiterating* UNSMIL's role in helping to bolster

transparency and good governance within Libyan institutions, in particular to ensure effective Libyan oversight over oil and gas revenues, as diversion of and competition over resources remain a key impediment to political progress,

Reaffirming 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 *calling on* all relevant Member States to protect frozen assets for the future benefit of the Libyan people, including by preserving their value and preventing the misuse and misappropriation of frozen assets, in line with paragraph 14 of resolution 2769 (2025),

Expressing concern at the inadequate living standards and insufficient provision of basic services and the situation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Libya, *further expressing grave concern* at the situation faced by migrants and refugees, including arbitrary detention, ill-treatment and their exposure to all forms of violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, and at the smuggling of migrants and refugees and human trafficking through Libya, *underlining* the importance of tackling the root causes of the smuggling of migrants and human trafficking, *noting* the impact of the conflict in Sudan on Libya, *stressing* the need for heightened protections for refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants in Libya, *welcoming* the work of the United Nations in coordinating and supporting the provision of humanitarian assistance for refugees and migrants, and efforts by local authorities and humanitarian actors to support Sudanese refugees in Libya, and *urging* all parties to allow and facilitate full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access,

Expressing concern about acts of violence, false and falsified information, and threats against the United Nations and associated personnel and their premises and assets which impede the ability of UNSMIL to operate safely and implement its mandate,

Recalling resolution 2510 (2020), which demanded that all parties to the conflict comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, and *emphasising* that those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of human rights must be held accountable,

Urging all parties to implement the relevant resolutions on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda and to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence, and *calling on* the Libyan authorities to end impunity for sexual violence and violence against all women, men, girls and boys, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolution 1325 (2000),

Recalling the importance of the protection of children, as set out in relevant Security Council resolutions, and taking appropriate measures in this regard, *expressing concern* about reported violations and abuses against children in Libya including in particular those involving the killing and maiming of children, abduction of children, sexual violence against children, and the denial of humanitarian access, as well as the detention of children for their alleged association with armed groups, and *urging* all parties to work with the United Nations to end and prevent such practices,

Recognising that protracted conflict and political division in Libya has made the country more susceptible to the humanitarian impact of natural disasters, including floods, and other weather events associated with the adverse effects of environmental change, flooding and drought, among other factors,

Underlining the commitment of Libyan stakeholders to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023–2027 and to work with the

United Nations through a humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus approach to address the structural causes of fragility and remaining humanitarian needs to drive transformative change and transition to sustainable peace and development across the country, in support of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recalling its determination in its resolution 2213 (2015) that the situation in Libya continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security,

1. *Decides* to extend until 31 October 2027 the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), as an integrated special political mission to carry out its mandate, as set out in resolution 2542 (2020);

2. *Reiterates* its full support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Libya and Head of UNSMIL, Hanna S. Tetteh, in particular her mediation and good-offices role to further an inclusive political process, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions, building on the basis of the Libyan Political Agreement and the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) Roadmap, *welcomes* the roadmap announced by the SRSG on 21 August 2025 and its three core pillars, and *notes* the completion of the UNSMIL-facilitated Structured Dialogue;

3. *Welcomes* as a basis for the mediation and good-offices role of the SRSG, the agreement of the Libyan parties reached within the 'Smaller Convening' to engage in good faith and without delay towards unifying all institutions, including military and security institutions and the judiciary, establishing a single executive authority, and holding presidential and parliamentary elections within 24 months, *underlines* the importance and necessity of this agreement being supported and accepted by all Libyan stakeholders, *recognises* the SRSG's efforts to engage Libyan stakeholders to further an inclusive process, and *encourages* her to continue such efforts;

4. *Calls on* the international community to fully support the SRSG and UNSMIL in the implementation of their mandate, and to engage constructively and in good faith with UNSMIL in the implementation of the roadmap, and *underscores* the importance that all of UNSMIL's activities work towards facilitating an inclusive Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process which will enable the ending of the transitional period;

5. *Notes* steps undertaken by UNSMIL to implement the recommendations of the Strategic Review (S/2025/611) and *encourages* UNSMIL to continue:

- Placing support to a political solution to the Libyan conflict at the core of the mission's mandate,
- Establishing a more consistent presence across Libya, including targeted expansions of the mission in Benghazi, Sabha and Sirte while maintaining a cost-neutral realignment and within existing resources,
- Increasing engagement in eastern and southern Libya with key stakeholders to support reunification efforts,
- Maintaining a dedicated economic section within UNSMIL, including to coordinate technical support to Libyan institutions to address fuel smuggling, the diversion of public resources and the illicit exploitation of State resources, on request by the relevant Libyan authorities, while maintaining a cost-neutral realignment and within existing resources,
- Assuming a leading role in international engagement on Libya, particularly in relation to the Berlin Process, encouraging its full participation and continued evolution and inclusivity to further advance the process,

• Recognising that UNSMIL's engagement on human rights and the rule of law remains integral to the country's political process,

while *fulfilling* its mandate in close coordination with the Libyan authorities, and *requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure appropriate security arrangements for UN personnel, premises and assets as UNSMIL reconfigures;

6. *Requests*, in its implementation of the recommendations of the Strategic Review, UNSMIL to explore all avenues to increase efficiency and redeploy existing resources, including through the prioritisation and the reconfiguration of tasks and resources, as needed and where appropriate, and *requests* the Secretary-General to update the Council on the implementation of the recommendations of the Strategic Review in the reporting requested in paragraph 17 of this resolution, including in regard to mission efficiencies;

7. *Recalls* the LPDF Roadmap, whose objectives and governing principles, in particular articles 1, 2 and 6, are still relevant to the political process, including the principles of financial responsibility, anti-corruption and transparency, *rejects* actions that could lead to violence or greater divisions in Libya, and *recognises* the desire of the Libyan people to have their say in who governs them through elections;

8. *Calls on* Libyan political institutions and key stakeholders to engage fully, transparently and in good faith, without preconditions and without delay, and make the compromises necessary to progress a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned, UNSMIL-facilitated negotiation, building on previous political agreements and the roadmap announced by the SRSG, and the agreement of the Libyan parties reached within the 'Smaller Convening' to deliver free and fair national presidential and parliamentary elections conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner across the country, unified national institutions, including military and security institutions and the judiciary, and a single executive authority;

9. *Urges* all Libyan stakeholders to take steps to reunify all institutions, including military and security institutions and the judiciary, and support the formation of a unified Libyan government able to govern across the country and representing the whole people of Libya, *further urges* all stakeholders to refrain from obstructing or undermining such efforts, which are essential to the successful completion of Libya's political transition, and *recalls* the measures specified in paragraph 4 of resolution 2174 (2014);

10. *Welcomes* the commitment to reconstitute the board of the HNEC and *encourages* the continuation of the United Nations support to enable the HNEC to deliver free and fair national presidential and parliamentary elections across Libya conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner;

11. *Underlines* the importance of an inclusive, comprehensive national dialogue and victim-centred reconciliation process based on the principles of transitional justice, *calls on* all Libyan stakeholders to safeguard the independence of the judiciary, and *calls on* the relevant Libyan institutions and authorities to create an environment conducive for successful national presidential and parliamentary elections, including by ensuring the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women, and inclusion of youth and civil society representatives;

12. *Expresses concern* at the humanitarian situation in Libya, *calls on* international partners to provide humanitarian assistance, in coordination with the Libyan authorities and the United Nations, *calls on* the Libyan authorities and relevant stakeholders to allow and facilitate full, safe and unhindered humanitarian access to those in need, and *calls for* reconstruction to be managed and distributed transparently, with effective oversight and accountability to the Libyan people;

13. *Emphasises* that there can be no military solution in Libya, *calls on* all parties to refrain from violence, military actions or any other actions that could escalate tensions, exacerbate conflicts, endanger civilians and undermine the political process or the 23 October 2020 ceasefire in Libya, which should be implemented in full, and *requests* UNSMIL, in line with its existing mandate and within existing resources, to provide support to Libyan-led and Libyan-owned initiatives which reduce the risk of a return to widespread conflict, including the 5+5 Joint Military Commission, and including through the facilitation of confidence-building measures, dialogue and reconciliation between armed actors to prevent violence and conflict escalation through UNSMIL's mediation and good offices;

14. *Recalls* that the measures set out in resolution 1970 (2011), as modified by subsequent resolutions, shall apply to individuals and entities determined by the United Nations Sanctions Committee to have provided support for acts that threaten the peace, stability or security of Libya or obstruct or undermine the successful completion of its political transition, including by obstructing or undermining the elections, and to have provided support for armed groups or criminal networks through illicit exploitation of crude oil or refined petroleum in Libya and illicit export of crude oil or refined petroleum from Libya, including through any payments for crude oil exported from Libya credited outside the account of the National Oil Corporation at the Libyan Foreign Bank, *demands* full compliance by all Member States with the arms embargo imposed under resolution 1970 (2011), as modified by subsequent resolutions, including by ceasing all support for and withdrawing all mercenaries, foreign fighters, and foreign forces, and *demands* all Member States not to intervene in the conflict or take measures that exacerbate the conflict;

15. *Urges* all Member States to respect fully the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya, and refrain from external interference which seeks to undermine Libya's sovereignty and foment conflict and instability in Libya and the wider region;

16. *Calls on* all parties to take further steps to implement the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement in full, including the Action Plan for the withdrawal of mercenaries, foreign fighters, and foreign forces agreed by the 5+5 Joint Military Commission in Geneva on 8 October 2021, which is to be implemented in a synchronised, phased, gradual and balanced manner, and *urges* Member States to respect and support its full implementation, including through the withdrawal of all mercenaries, foreign fighters, and foreign forces from Libya without further delay;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on the implementation of this resolution every 60 days;

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