

Statement by the Libyan Political Dialogue Members Tunis, Tunisia 10 March 2016

Tunis, Tunisia, 10 March 2016 – Members of the Libyan Political Dialogue concluded today the first day of deliberations in the Tunisian capital with a reaffirmation of their commitment to uphold the Libyan Political Agreement signed in Skhirat on 17 December 2015 as the only and legitimate framework for bringing an end to the political crisis and military conflict in Libya.

Recalling the difficult humanitarian, economic and security conditions that Libyans face as a result of the ongoing division, deteriorating security situation and the endemic corruption as well as the suffering that Libyan men and women endure because of that, members of the political dialogue appealed to all political and security actors to uphold the national interests of Libya and preserve its sovereignty and unity so that security and stability can prevail, and that the Libyan people may have an opportunity to realise their aspirations for a modern democratic state based on the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Reiterating their grave concern at the danger that terrorism poses to Libya and the Libyan people, members of the Political Dialogue paid tribute to those who lost their lives while combatting terrorism. They underscored the need for the Government of National Accord to embark on the fight against terrorism, which is the fight of all the Libyans. They stressed that international support in this regard must be through the legitimate channels of the Libyan State and in accordance with international law.

While the members of the Political Dialogue stress that granting a vote of confidence to the Government of National Accord is an inherent competence of the House of Representatives, and with all due respect to opinions of Parliament members about the Government of National Accord, they valued the statement of 23 February by the majority of members of the House of Representatives in which they expressed approval of the formation of the Government of National Accord. Members of the Political Dialogue called on the House of Representatives concerning the importance of complete these steps and to continue upholding its responsibilities with respect to the implementation of all relevant provisions of the Libyan Political Agreement.

Members of the Political Dialogue urged the Presidency Council to take all necessary measures to rapidly start working from the capital, Tripoli, in accordance with the security arrangements in the Agreement. All public bodies, including official financial institutions, should put in place the necessary arrangements for an immediate and orderly and peaceful handover of power in accordance with the provisions of the Libyan Political Agreement.

Members of the Political Dialogue stress the need to safeguard the institutions emanating from the Libyan Political Agreement, including the House of Representatives and the State Council, calling for immediate steps to enable both institutions to assume their

responsibilities in accordance with relevant provisions of the Agreement. They called on the State Council to expedite the convening of its sessions.

They stressed their persistence in bridging the divide and rebuilding the country, members of the Political Dialogue undertook a collective commitment to redouble their efforts to reach out and engage all relevant political and security stakeholders in Libya in order to broaden the support base for the Libyan Political Agreement and its implementation.

While members of the Political Dialogue expressed concern that deadlines for the implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement have not been adhered to and about the lack of total commitment to the ceasefire, they called on all parties to the Agreement to ensure a swift and unconditional implementation of all relevant provisions of the Agreement.

Members of the Political Dialogue expressed gratitude for Tunisia gracious hosting of the meeting in Tunis. They stressed on the solidarity of the Libyan and Tunisian people in confronting terrorism. They also expressed their appreciation of the continuous support and key role of neighbouring countries and the international community, as well as regional and international organisations for their continuous support to the Libyan Political Dialogue and efforts to bring peace to Libya.