

Roadmap for Sustainable Reconciliation in Ghadames and Awal

Emphasizing the importance of Ghadames in the history and culture of Libya, with all the different components of the tribes of Ghadames and the Tuareg, and recalling its role in peacebuilding and reconciliation;

Believing in the symbolic role that falls upon Ghadames in promoting dialogue and co-existence in our country;

Recalling our longstanding traditions of dialogue for centuries in the city of Ghadames and our confidence in the deep historical links that have united the social fabric and the various components of Ghadames;

Recalling that all communities of Ghadames have been victims of years by conflict, and suffer from their consequences until now;

Mindful of the risks raised by foreign interferences and the need to protect our borders and our sovereignty;

Recalling all areas within the range of Ghadames have a responsibility in furthering reconciliation and in preventing conflict;

Believing in the importance of fact-finding mechanisms to establish rules of responsibility and to put an end to impunity;

Reaffirming the importance of women in peace processes, praising their pivotal role in stabilizing our communities and bearing in mind that they are too often the first victims of conflicts;

Complying with the UN principles cited in the Universal Declaration on Human Rights;

We, the representatives of Ghadames and Touareg from the City of Ghadames (who reside in Awal area) have convened in Tunis on 1-2 February, following an invitation from UNSMIL.

As we exert concerted efforts to build the cities of Ghadames and Awal on grounds of peace, reconciliation, the spirit of dialogue, tolerance, citizenship, justice and equality, we stress on the following key principles that apply to all, regardless of origin, place, language, ethnicity or others:

- The right to life, security and dignity.
- Renounce hate speech and incitation to war, violence and discrimination everywhere.
- The freedom of movement is a fundamental human right, and all citizens should be free to travel, reside in, and/or work in any place within the limits of respect for the liberty and rights of others and adherence to public order.
- Everyone have the right to access the services extended by state public offices.
- All are equal before the law and shall be protected from any form of discrimination.

- No one shall be subject to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile, due to his/her ethnicity or tribe.
- Competent judicial authority, through a fair and legal process, shall punish all crimes.

According to the aforementioned, the two parties agreed that this meeting shall be the core of solution between the two parties according to the following:

- 1- The two parties agreed to form a main committee called the “Communication Committee” that shall prepare the following:
 - a) Form a damage assessment sub-committee to list damages and carry out the following tasks:
 - Review the work of the former building damage assessment committees to update their files.
 - Assess the remaining damages related to personal assessments such as cars, cattle, etc.
 - Develop a database to gather the results of the Committee.
 - The Committee shall refer its results to the UN Mission to contact the relevant authorities and exert pressure to take practical steps that contribute in the acceptance of the principle of dialogue and reconciliation.
 - b) Prepare a comprehensive initiative on reconciliation and submit it to the Mission within a period of 30 days. It shall include the following:
 - Raise awareness on reconciliation, dialogue culture and acceptance of others.
 - Strengthen peaceful co-existence to reach harmony.
 - Include civil society, youth and women organizations to achieve the goals of the initiative.
 - Build and develop human resources and capacities in areas of conflict resolution, dialogue, negotiations, reconciliation, documentation, etc.
 - c) The Committee shall look into local pending issues that can be settled locally with the relevant authorities, including the settlement of employment issues, pending salary payments, and others.

- 2- The two parties agreed that cases of criminal nature shall be handled by the competent judicial authorities of the State. The Committee shall prepare that through:
 - Training to be provided to build local capacities in the documentation of abuses.
 - The trained personnel shall document abuses and classify them on a database.
 - The results shall be submitted to a technical committee comprised of legal experts, from both sides, to review the cases for submission to judiciary authorities.

- 3- Both parties shall request the United Nations Support Mission in Libya to exert pressure on the Libyan authorities to carry out the following:
 - Pay attention to the local development issues in the region, especially:
 - a- Solve the problem of access to drinking water in Ghadames.
 - b- Find a solution to the problem of Awal school's broken classrooms and provide immediate alternative as well as building a model school in the locality.
 - c- Complete the installation of electricity network in all residential areas in Awal.
 - d- Improve health services in the two areas, especially Awal Clinic and Ghadames General Hospital.
 - e- Expedite the process of approving the Master Plan for Development of Awal.
 - f- Restart operations in Ghadames airport urgently due to the interruption of maintenance work on the road between the area and the capital, in order to alleviate the suffering of citizens.
 - g- Address the issue of interrupting the maintenance of the road linking the area and the capital.
- 4- Invite UNSMIL and its head Dr. Ghassan Salame, to visit Ghadames and Awal to observe into the bad humanitarian and services situation.
- 5- The two parties affirm that what has been agreed upon are only points of preliminary agreement that are subject to change and development.
- 6- To ensure facilitating the success task of UNSMIL and the smooth flow of information between the Mission and the formed Committee, the two parties proposed nominating the following as focal points between the Committee and the Mission, stressing that no communications may be made with regard to this file except through the focal points:
 - Mr. Sirag Eldin Abu Bakr Al-Muwaffaq (Ghadames)
 - Mr. Musa Ali Mohamed Wantiti (Awal)

Finally, we reiterate our gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations Support Mission in Libya for their efforts and endeavors to resolve the outstanding issues in Libya, on top of it, the Ghadames file. We also affirm our support for these efforts.

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