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## **Statement by the President of the Security Council**

On 9 February 2021, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Libya", in accordance with the procedure agreed in light of the extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and set out in S/2020/372, the President of the Security Council issued the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the agreement reached by the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum on a new unified interim executive authority charged with leading the country to elections.

"The Security Council welcomes this achievement as an important milestone in the Libyan political process.

"The Security Council calls on the interim executive authority to agree swiftly on the formation of a new, inclusive government, as set out in the roadmap agreed by the Libyan Political Dialogue Forum in Tunis, and to make the necessary preparations ahead of national Presidential and Parliamentary elections planned for 24 December 2021. The Security Council further calls on the interim executive authority to improve services and launch a comprehensive national reconciliation process.

"The Security Council calls on all parties to implement the 23 October 2020 ceasefire agreement in full.

"The Security Council urges Member States to respect and support the full implementation of the agreement, including through the withdrawal of all foreign forces and mercenaries from Libya without further delay.

"The Security Council called for full compliance with the arms embargo by all member States, in line with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

"The Security Council underlines the importance of a credible and effective Libyan-led Ceasefire Monitoring Mechanism under UN auspices and welcomes the critical steps towards UN support for the mechanism through the swift deployment of a UN advance team to Libya. The Security Council looks forward to receiving proposals on the tasks and scale of the ceasefire monitoring mechanism from the Secretary-General.

"The Security Council recognises the important role of neighbouring countries and regional organisations in support of UN efforts.

"The Security Council underlines its support to the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and to Special Envoy Ján Kubiš and UNSMIL Coordinator, Raisedon Zenenga. The Security Council thanks former acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General Stephanie Williams for all her work.

"The Security Council reaffirms its strong commitment to the UN-facilitated Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process and to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya."