Press release: Foreign Secretary statement on UN Security Council resolution on arms smuggling in Libya

I welcome the UN Security Council's decision to unanimously adopt the UK drafted resolution targeting arms smuggling in the high seas off the coast of Libya.

The resolution demonstrates the international community's commitment to tackle the illegal flow of weapons into Libya, which fuels internal conflict. It enables international and regional organisations to stop vessels thought to be carrying arms, and acts as an important deterrent to those seeking to smuggle arms into the country by sea.

The UK is committed to bringing this conflict to a close and give the Libyan people the security and political stability they deserve. We call upon the international community to act quickly and firmly on this resolution, and to collectively tackle other flows of arms that continue to destabilise the country.