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Thank you, Mr President,

High Commissioner, the UK welcomes your critical efforts towards accountability in Libya, and welcomes the Government of National Accord's commitment to work with the OHCHR and this Council.

The UK is gravely concerned by the continued deterioration in the human rights situation in Libya, and the recent reports of concerning activities attributed to both sides in the conflict, including reprisal attacks, the discovery of mass graves, and continuing civilian casualties from attacks and explosive remnants of war.

We condemn all human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law, including indiscriminate attacks, unlawful killings, sexual and gender-based violence, and the silencing of journalists, activists and human rights defenders. The case of parliamentarian Seham Sergiwa, and all politically motivated disapearances and intimidation, must be investigated.

The persistant climate of impunity must be addressed. We support the draft resolution establishing an independent, international fact finding mission.

The UK urges all parties to commit to an immediate ceasefire and engage meaningfully in the UN-led political process, which is essential to improving human rights.

High Commissioner,

How closely is your office working with the UN in Libya to ensure that human rights issues are factored fully into the UN approach?