

UN Human Rights Council 45: Interactive Dialogue with the Fact Finding Mission on Libya

Thank you Madam President,

We welcome the update from the chair of the Fact Finding Mission, a much-needed step towards our ultimate goal of ending impunity in Libya.

The UK remains gravely concerned by the deteriorating human rights situation in Libya, the ongoing military build-up around Sirte and challenges posed by Covid-19. Civilian casualties and attacks on medical facilities and schools are unacceptable. Mass grave sites must be secured until proper investigations are possible.

We reiterate our condemnation of all human rights violations and abuses, and violations of international humanitarian law, including indiscriminate attacks; unlawful killings; sexual and gender-based violence; silencing of journalists, activists and human rights defenders; and mistreatment of vulnerable people, including migrants.

Approaching the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325, we reiterate our commitment to pursuing the full and effective participation of women in political and public life in Libya.

The UK welcomes recent ceasefire announcements and engagement in political dialogue. We urge all parties now to commit to a ceasefire and the UN-led political process, which remains essential to improving human rights in Libya.

Mr Chairman,

What do you need from the international community to ensure you have the resources and access to conduct your important work?