Thank you, Madam Chairman.

It is very interesting to me to have listened to so many people

urge the President to establish a no fly zone, to do something.

There is a genocide in the making. We must do something. And

then when he did something, the same people who urged him to

do something are criticizing him.

I think that when he consulted with the leaders of Congress,

which I am sure I heard that he did, I do not think this is unprecedented.

I think this has happened before. And I think that he is

the Commander in Chief, and at some point in his administration

in every Commander in Chief’s administration, they must make decisions

that benefit the greater good of the country—of the world

without having the opportunity to get permission, as we call it. So

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on March 17th when Ambassador Rice explained the U.S. vote in

favor of Resolution 1973 stating that the Security Council——

[continuing]. By stating that the Security

Council had responded to the Libyan’s people cry for help, the

Council’s purpose is clear to protect innocent citizens.

Thank you, Madam Chair.