

Political Statement on the Matter of Libya

Paris, 29 May 2018

*As a reminder of the commitment of the international community to support peace, security, and stability in Libya,*

*A reminder that the current political and security situation in Libya cannot continue as it is,*

*A reminder of the loud appeal from all Libyans to conduct comprehensive, peaceful, and credible elections,*

*In accordance with the Libyan Political Agreement that was drafted on 17 December 2015,*

*In accordance with the comprehensive political roadmap that was put forth by the United Nations on 20 December 2017 and got the support of the international community,*

And in the framework of the political process that is led by Libyans, and no one else, with the full participation of all concerned Libyan parties, we have agreed, in Paris on 29 May 2018, under the sponsorship of the United Nations and with the attendance of representatives of the international community, to constructively work with the United Nations in order to conduct peaceful and credible elections as soon as possible and adhere to the results of the elections after they are conducted. We have also agreed on the following principles in support of the efforts of the United Nations to bring stability to Libya:

- 1) Declaring the importance of putting in place a constitutional basis for the elections and supporting the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in the talks that he is conducting with the Libyan authorities to submit a proposal for approval of the constitution and setting a timeline for this. The approval of the constitution will be a crucial stage in the process of ensuring the sovereignty of the Libyan people.
- 2) Agreeing on conducting parliamentary elections, as well as presidential elections, in accordance with what is specified by the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in consultation with the Government of National Accord, the members of parliament, the High Council of State, and the High National Elections Commission. The parties have agreed to put in place a constitutional basis for elections, approve the necessary electoral laws by 16 September 2018, and conduct presidential and parliamentary elections on 10 December 2018. The preparations for the elections must be soundly implemented with all Libyan institutions, with the objective of moving forward in achieving the shared aim of bringing stability to Libya and uniting the country.
- 3) Formally committing to the requirements of elections that were presented by the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in his statement to the United Nation's Security Council on May 21, including organizing a new round of voter registration on the electoral lists for an additional period that is specified by the United Nations. Libyan leaders commit to accepting the results of the elections and ensuring the availability of the necessary funding and strict security measures. Anyone who violates or hinders the elections will be held accountable.
- 4) Agreeing to work constructively with the United Nations in order to ensure that the technical, legislative, political, and security requirements needed to organize national elections are met, including the parliament approving the electoral laws that are needed and

implementing them in accordance with a specific timeline and the consultation mechanism with the High Council of State that was agreed upon in the Libyan Political Agreement

- 5) The Libyan security forces shall undertake ensuring the safety of the elections process and the right of all Libyans to express their will and determine the future of their countries safely and democratically, and this shall be done with the support of and in coordination with the United Nations, regional organizations, and the international community. No delay or obstruction of the election process will be accepted, and all entities responsible for these actions will be held accountable.
- 6) Committing to the improvement of the general situation, in any way possible, in order to organize national elections, including moving the headquarters of parliament, based on the constitutional declaration, gradually dissolving the government and parallel institutions, and encouraging the parliament and the High Council of State to urgently work to unify the Central Bank of Libya and other institutions.
- 7) Committing to supporting the efforts of the United Nations to build military and security institutions that are professional, unified, and subject to accountability, in addition to encouraging the current Cairo Talks and constructively working to unify Libyan military and security institutions
- 8) Agreeing to participate in a comprehensive political conference, to be sponsored by the United Nations, to follow up with the implementation of this statement, and ensuring that it adheres to the timetable and requirements that are specified by the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations with Libyan institutions

As the Libyan leaders pledge to implement these commitments, the international community shall work, as one, to support the Libyans that are working constructively with the United Nations in order to conduct safe, sound, and credible national elections and striving for a prosperous future for the Libyan people by introducing appropriate and substantial reforms to the Libyan economy.

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