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**Letter dated 24 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of
Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to hereby transmit to you, in your capacity as the President of the Security Council, a letter dated 22 March 2020 from Mohamed T. H. Siala, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Libya (see annex).

I humbly request that the present letter and its annex be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Taher Elsonni**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 24 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 22 March 2020 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Government of National Accord of Libya addressed to the President of the Security Council

Allow me, Sir, to address you and the members of the Security Council directly and without formalities, because I am certain that you are fully aware of the blatant and barbaric assault that the war criminal Haftar has been waging against my country for nearly an entire year, killing thousands and displacing nearly a quarter of a million civilians from their homes after having destroyed their villages and safe areas.

However, the crimes that are being committed now exceed all bounds. As the whole world stands in solidarity and mobilizes all its energy to confront the deadly coronavirus pandemic, on Friday, 20 March 2020, the forces of Haftar bombed unarmed civilians in Tripoli and struck houses in Old City neighbourhoods with Grad rockets, in flagrant defiance of the rules of international humanitarian law and all international laws, customs and conventions. The bombardment frightened residents and caused several casualties, and it could have destroyed the city's cultural heritage and historical buildings, which are part of the cultural patrimony of humanity.

The Government of National Accord calls upon you more urgently than ever before to shoulder your historic responsibilities and act decisively against aggression by stopping it and condemning its perpetrators and supporters.

(Signed) Mohamed T. H. **Siala**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
