



State of Libya Statement at the 6th CSP6 August 17-21, 2020

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**Madame/Mr. Chair,
Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is the absolute interest of my country Libya, to engage and interact with the many current global issues that pertain to global security, among them, the cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament, biological warfare, and space security.

However, the extraordinary circumstances of the protracted proxy armed conflict fueled by unilateral meddling and interference by certain regional and international countries, continues to exacerbate the humanitarian suffering and instability in my country, thus delaying all our efforts to join the international community for peace, prosperity and development;

We fear that we will be left behind if we don't raise the pertinent and important issues to the global level, as it is not just Libya that will be left behind by 2030, the whole region's security and stability will be affected, if we don't all stand on the same side to end the proxy war in Libya. For this proxy war, illicit arms trafficking, and arms embargo violations are leading to serious International laws and human rights violations.

Madame/Mr. Chair

Most Member States have signed on treaties including the Arms Trade Treaty which Libya is also a signatory to, and which it states in its second, sixth, and seventh

articles very clearly the prohibition of violating arms export and trade treaties. Furthermore, the direction and resolutions of the UN Security Council resolutions which were all emphasized by the Secretary General in January 2020 and which all yield to hold countries accountable for their actions, when causing harm and sponsoring armed conflicts in other countries.

Despite all this, and all the reports of the Sanctions Committee and the Group of Experts regarding Libya which have identified the violating countries and groups with presented evidence, one would think, ought to be sufficient to embolden the International Community to act and stop these countries from tampering with and threatening the security and stability of Libya, yet the arms embargo violations continue with appalling impunity.

This demonstrates the severity of the situation and how it continues to breach all resolutions set by the various UN organizations, including this one.

Madame/Mr. Chair,

Libya appreciates and importance of its geo-political value, as a bridge of historical explorations, a center point for East-West and North-South connections and the gateway for reaching the aspirations of generations of people. And that is why the Libyan government is focused on security reform and building the country's institutional capacity so we can have a state that implements the rule of law, and enforcement.

We recognize that for this building process to happen, we need the partnership of the international community. This partnership must be built on a strong foundation of serious political will and unequivocal support and collaboration on all fronts. To illustrate a successful joint partnership, Libya appreciates its joint work with UNMAS and other international organizations who have been hard at work on the serious issue of demining. However, there are other seriously needed programs such as, a comprehensive program of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration. We need a robust implementation of treaties and resolutions.

In conclusion, it is our strong belief that member States and the United Nations must act against the threatening elements to the stability of Libya, the safety of its people, and the security of the country and the region. Short of this, the consequences will be dire at the national, regional and international levels.

Thank you.