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SUMMIT OF THE AFRICAN UNION HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON LIBYA REPUBLIC OF CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE 5 FEBRUARY 2024

THE BRAZZAVILLE CALL FOR THE ACCELERATION OF THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS IN LIBYA

 The African Union High-Level Committee on Libya held its meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government, in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, on 5 February 2024, to consider the status of Libya's national reconciliation process. The meeting was convened at the initiative of the Chairperson of the High-Level Committee on Libya, H.E. Denis Sassou N'Guesso, President of the Republic of Congo.

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Al-Menfi, President of the Libyan Presidential Council participated in the meeting.

Also participated in the meeting their Excellencies:

- Nadir Larbaoui, Prime Minister of Algeria, representing H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune,
 President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,
- H.E. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chad,
- H.E. Nabil Ammar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia,
- H.E. Hamdi Loza, in charge of African affairs, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt,
- H.E. Ambassador Sidi Ould El Ghadhy, representing Mauritania, and
- H.E. Ambassador Johnny Sexwale, representing, South Africa.
- 2. The African Union was represented by H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros and current Chairman of the African Union, and H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the AU Commission. The United Nations was represented by Professor Abdoulaye Bathily, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and H.E. Hussein Hindawi, Assistant Secretary General of the League of Arab States.
- 3. The Committee acknowledged and commended the significant political progress in Libya towards presidential and parliamentary elections, and emphasised the need to unify the country through an inclusive national reconciliation process, to foster social and political cohesion. They further expressed support for the unification of national institutions, in line with the aspirations of the Libyan people and consistent with AU and international resolutions.
- 4. The Committee expressed satisfaction at the efforts made by the Libyan Presidential Council through the adoption of a "National Strategic Vision on Reconciliation" based on national ownership, as well as the conduct of the consultative meetings, held from 8 to 12 January 2023, in Tripoli, as well as the Preparatory Committee meetings in the cities of Benghazi, 14-15 November 2023, Sebha, 14-15 December 2023, and Zuwara, 14-15 January 2024, through the facilitation of H.E. Jean-Claude Gakosso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Congo, and Professor Mohamed El Hacen Lebatt, Chief of Staff of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission.
- 5. The Committee encouraged the Presidential Council to establish as soon as possible the National Commission for Reconciliation to carry out its mandate.
- 6. The Committee welcomed and commended the agreement of the Libyan parties on the convening of the National Reconciliation Conference on 28 April 2024 in the historic city of Sirte. In this vein, they urged the Preparatory Committee to expedite preparations towards the convening of the Reconciliation Conference within the prescribed timeframe. The Committee requested the African Union Commission to continue supporting Libyans to ensure the successful conduct of this process in a timely and effective manner. It

- recalled the Decision of the Assembly to expeditiously transfer the African Union Liaison Office for Libya to Tripoli.
- 7. The AU Committee reiterated the call to all Libyan stakeholders to fully embrace the reconciliation efforts in an inclusive and constructive manner, and highlighted the essential aspect of transitional justice, including the use of traditional approaches to conflict resolution to promote national consensus, healing, unity and social cohesion.
- 8. The Committee also welcomed the commitment of Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General, and encouraged his Special Representative to Libya, to continue to cooperate closely with the African Union to ensure the restoration of peace and stability in Libya.
- 9. The Committee stressed the urgent need for the convergence and complementarity of the actions of the African Union, the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the European Union, and the international community in order to avoid duplication of efforts for Libya.
- 10. The Committee reiterated its appeal to all external actors to cease and refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Libya, as it undermines the fundamental interests of the Libyan people and their legitimate aspirations to stability, peace, prosperity and development. It also stressed the need for all Foreign Fighters, Foreign Forces and Mercenaries to withdraw from Libya, in line with AU and international resolutions.
- 11. The members of the Committee commended the leadership of H.E. President Denis Sassou N'Guesso for his unwavering commitment and dedicated efforts towards the attainment of peace in Libya. They also reaffirmed their determination to enhance their support for the convening of the National Reconciliation Conference and the organization of credible and transparent elections to consolidate peace, security and stability in Libya.

Done in Brazzaville, 5 February 2024