

The outcome of the Council of the League of Arab States meeting at the Ministerial level

in its extraordinary session

On

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The Council of the Arab league at the ministerial level in its extraordinary session held on 12 March 2011 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat in Cairo:

After deliberating the outcome of the dangerous situation in Libya and its implications, and the crimes and violations being perpetrated by the Libyan authorities against the Libyan people, in particular the use of military aircrafts, mortars and heavy weaponry against the civilians,

Taking note of the ongoing consultations and communications in the Security Council, the statements issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council, the European Union and the African Union,

Taking into consideration the appointment by the United Nations Secretary-General of a high-level envoy to follow up on the humanitarian situation in Libya,

Affirming its Resolution No. 7298 dated 02 March 2011, as well as the statement issued by the Council of the League on 22 February 2011,

Affirming the necessity to respect international humanitarian law and the call for an end to the crimes against the Libyan people and to the fighting, to withdraw the forces of the Libyan authorities from the cities and areas it entered forcibly, to ensure of the right of the Libyan people to fulfill their demands and build their own future and institutions in a democratic framework,

Recalling its commitment to preserve Libyan unity, territorial integrity, political independence as well as civil peace, and to ensure the safety and security of Libyan citizens, the national unity of the Libyan people and their independence and sovereignty over their territory, and to reject all forms of foreign intervention in Libya, and to emphasize that the failure to take necessary actions to end this crisis will lead to foreign intervention in internal Libyan affairs,

Decides:

1. *To call on* the Security Council to bear its responsibilities towards the deteriorating situation in Libya, and to take the necessary measures to impose immediately a no-fly zone on Libyan military aviation, and to establish safe areas in places exposed to shelling as a precautionary measure that allows the protection of the Libyan people and foreign nationals residing in Libya, while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighboring States,

2. *To cooperate and communicate* with the Transitional National Council of Libya and to provide the Libyan people with urgent and continuing support as well as the necessary protection from the serious violations and grave crimes committed by the Libyan authorities, which have consequently lost their legitimacy,

3. *To reiterate* the call on Member States, friendly countries, international organizations and Arab and international civil society to provide support and urgent humanitarian assistance to the Libyan people during this critical period of their history through various channels, and to express its thanks to the countries and entities that are providing such emergency assistance, as well as to countries that are contributing to the evacuation of Arab citizens wishing to leave Libya,

4. *To continue* to coordinate with the United Nations, African Union, the Organization of Islamic Conference, as well as the European Union on the situation in Libya.

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