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**ORAL STATEMENT**  
**Item 6:**  
**Consideration of UPR reports: Libya**

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Madame President,

Amnesty International acknowledges the challenges facing the Libyan authorities in upholding human rights and welcomes the Libya-led resolution establishing a Fact-Finding Mission on the human rights situation in Libya. However, the scale and gravity of abuses, the lack of accountability, and the integration of individuals reasonably suspected of committing such crimes into state institutions are deeply alarming.

Amnesty International has documented how all parties to the conflict and their foreign backers have committed violations of international humanitarian law, including possible war crimes, leading to civilian casualties, destruction of civilian property and forced displacement.<sup>1</sup>

Militias and armed groups continue to forcibly disappear or otherwise unlawfully deprive people of their liberty based on their actual or perceived political, regional or tribal affiliation or sexual orientation and torture and otherwise ill-treat them in official and unofficial places of detention.

Authorities and those with de facto control of territory have failed to protect women and girls from assassinations, rape and other sexual and gender-based violence.

We welcome Libya's decision to accept recommendations to end enforced disappearances, torture including rape, arbitrary detention, inhumane conditions of detention and to hold those responsible accountable. We call on the government to fully implement these recommendations and to suspend those reasonably suspected of committing war crimes and human rights abuses, pending the outcome of investigations.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Amnesty International, *Libya's Relentless Militia War: Civilians Harmed in the Battle for Tripoli, April-August 2019*, (Index number: MDE 19/1201/2019), <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde19/1201/2019/en/>

<sup>2</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review—Libya, A/HRC/46/17*, 5 January 2021, recommendations 148.89 (Netherlands), 148.122 (Zambia), 148.123 (Austria), 148.124 (Canada), 148.126 (Japan), 148.127 (Lebanon), 148.128 (Lebanon), 148.138 (South Sudan), 148.140 (Philippines), 148.142 (United States of America), 148.143 (United States of America), 148.144 (Afghanistan), 148.145 (Belgium), 148.146 (Botswana), 148.147 (Canada), 148.148 (Chile), 148.149 (Costa Rica), 148.151 (Cyprus), 148.152 (Czechia), 148.153 (Estonia), 148.154 (Finland), 148.155 (Germany), 148.156 (Ghana), 148.158 (Greece), 148.159 (Iceland), 148.160 (Italy), 148.161 (Lesotho), 148.163 (Montenegro), 148.165 (Norway),

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Officials, members of armed groups and militias, and criminal gangs have subjected refugees and migrants to torture, unlawful killings, sexual violence and forced labour with impunity.<sup>3</sup> We welcome Libya's acceptance of recommendations to protect refugees and migrants from violence and exploitation, but regret the decision not to accept recommendations to end the arbitrary detention of foreign nationals solely because of their migration status and call for fully implementing these recommendations.<sup>4</sup>

To end the cycle of abuse and impunity, we call on Libya to fully implement accepted recommendations to cooperate with and allow unfettered access to the Fact-Finding Mission on Libya and the International Criminal Court and to review its position on acceding to the Rome Statute.<sup>5</sup>

Thank you.

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148.166 (Poland), 148.167 (Qatar), 148-171 (Austria), 148.174 (Germany), 148.185 (Spain).

<sup>3</sup> Amnesty International, *Libya: 'Between Life and Death': Refugees and Migrants Trapped in Libya's Cycle of Abuses*, (Index number: MDE 19/3084/2020), <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde19/3084/2020/en/> and *Libya's Dark Webs of Collusion: Abuses Against Europe-Bound Refugees and Migrants*, (Index number: MDE 19/7561/2017), <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde19/7561/2017/en/>

<sup>4</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review—Libya*, A/HRC/46/17, 5 January 2021, recommendations 148.32 (Czechia), 148.57 (Slovenia), 148.58 (Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Montenegro), 148.59 (Brazil), 148.60 (Germany), 148.61 (Ireland), 148.62 (Italy), 148.89 (Netherlands), 148.184 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 148.237 (Lichtenstein), 148.261 (Belgium), 148.263 (Canada), 148.265 (Denmark), 148.266 (Peru), 148.272 (Switzerland), 148.278 (Mexico) 148.282 (Togo), 148.283 (Panama) 148.284 (Peru), 148.285 (Philippines).

<sup>5</sup> Human Rights Council, *Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review—Libya*, A/HRC/46/17, 5 January 2021, recommendations 148.7 (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), 148.8 (United States of America), 148.11 (Costa Rica), 148.12 (Sudan), 148.13 (Germany), 148.14 (Switzerland), 148.15 (Luxembourg), 148.16 (Maldives), 148.17 (Norway), 148.44 (Austria), 148.45 (Croatia), 148.46 (Cyprus and Italy), 148.47 (Estonia), 148.48 (France), 148.49 (Honduras), 148.50 (Ireland), 148.51 (Latvia), 148.52 (Liechtenstein), 148.53 (Luxembourg), 148.54 (Netherlands), 148.55 (Panama), 148.56 (Poland), 148.143 (United States of America), 148.147 (Canada), 148.150 (State of Palestine), 148.152 (Czechia).