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## ORAL STATEMENT

ITEM 10: Interactive dialogue with the independent fact-finding mission on the situation of human rights in Libya

### **MISSION MUST BE FULLY SUPPORTED AND DISPATCHED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

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Madam President,

We welcome the Members of the Independent Factfinding Mission on Libya and thank them for their update.

Since 2016, all parties to the conflict have committed a range of war crimes and human rights violations. Many perpetrators on both sides to the conflict continue to enjoy impunity. All sides to the conflict have committed unlawful killings, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance, abductions, torture and use weapons indiscriminately. The presence of mass graves discovered in Tarhouna is a constant reminder of the urgent and unfulfilled need for justice.

Even after the ceasefire announced in August 2020, we have documented how the authorities in the east and west have used excessive force against peaceful protestors, and abducted, tortured and arrested protestors and journalists. The authorities in the east subjected journalists and protestors to military trials. Refugees and migrants throughout the country continued to be subjected to arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, torture, forced labour, sexual violence, unlawful expulsions and unlawful killings at the hands of militias, armed groups and traffickers. Traffickers and individuals sanctioned by the United Nations Security Council or wanted by the International Criminal Court continue to occupy positions in the internationally recognized Government of National Accord and the self-styled Libyan National Army, and militias and armed groups allied to them.

We urge that the Factfinding mission be supported so that it can be dispatched as a matter of urgency, and that it has the sufficient resources, administrative support, and time to complete the work for which it has been mandated.

Members, how can the Council best support you in this regard?

Thank you, Madam President.