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AFRICAN UNION CONTACT GROUP ON LIBYA

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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

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1. At the Invitation of the President of the Republic of The Congo and Chairman of the AU High Level Committee on Libya, His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso, Members of the Contact Group of the High Level Committee on Libya, namely the Presidents: - H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and current Chairman of the AU, H.E. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, Mr. Abdelaziz Djerad Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Mr. Sedki Sobhi, Assistant of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, met in Oyo, Republic of The Congo, to discuss the situation in Libya and progress in the preparation for the Inter-Libyan Reconciliation Conference.
2. The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat and the Commissioner for Peace and Security, H.E. Smail Chergui, H.E. Ramtane Lamamra, AU High Representative for Silencing the Guns, participated in the meeting. Also in attendance were Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ms. Hanna Tetteh, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union and Ms. Stephanie T. Williams, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Libya.
3. The members of the Contact Group expressed their deep concern over the deteriorating security, humanitarian and economic situation in Libya and appealed to the UN Security Council to assume its full responsibility by urgently ensuring that all the stakeholders in the Libyan crisis cease the violations of the UNSC resolution 2510 on the arm embargo and terrorists and to respect the conclusions and commitments of the Berlin Conference.
4. The Contact Group recalled the decision of the AU Assembly on Libya, adopted by the 33rd Ordinary Session of the African Union, held on 9 and 10 February 2020, in conformity with the Conclusions of the Berlin Conference which mandated the African Union to organise a National Inter-Libyan Reconciliation Conference.
5. The Contact Group pondered on the practical modalities for the convening of the Reconciliation Conference, taking into account inclusiveness and representation, enabling the Libyan society as a whole to participate in accordance with the Roadmap, the Terms of Reference of the Preparatory Committee and the Facilitation Committee, the identification of participants and the Draft Budget.

6. The Contact Group decided to convene the Inter-Libyan National Reconciliation Conference, in July 2020, at the AU Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in conformity with the decision of the AU Assembly adopted in 2018.
7. The Contact Group considered the state of implementation of the Conclusions of the Berlin Conference, in an inclusive manner, including the establishment and respect of a general ceasefire across the entire territory as well as the political dialogue and economic and military issues. The Contact Group reaffirmed the determination of the AU to work closely and effectively with the United Nations in order to ensure significant progress as soon as possible.
8. The Contact Group reiterated the firm condemnation of foreign interference, the violation of the arms embargo, the presence, deployment and utilisation of foreign fighters on Libyan soil. In this regard, the Contact Group condemned unequivocally such continued interference motivated by national interests and looting of Libyan natural resources.
9. The Contact Group recalled the AU UN Framework Partnership for peace and security which calls for the pooling of efforts and complementarity. It welcomed the offer of the UN Secretary General to host the African Union Mission within MANUL [UN Support Mission in Libya]. This affirms his commitments which also consist of ensuring the participation of the African Union in all the meetings of the Libyan Political Forum, including those of the three tracks that were agreed at the Berlin Process.
10. The Contact Group reaffirmed its solidarity with the Libyan people and its firm commitment to the territorial integrity, unity and independence of Libya
11. The Contact Group underscored the need for a strong cooperation with the neighbouring countries and commended the work already done by the AU-UN-EU Task Force to rescue stranded migrants and refugees in Libya and welcomed its decision to expand the mandate to include trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants in the Region.
12. The Heads of State and the delegations considered and agreed on the arrangements for the organisation of the meetings of the Contact Group aimed at ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of its action in order to raise the quality and impact of the contributions of the AU to the establishment of peace and the

promotion of national reconciliation in Libya, in partnership with the United Nations and in cooperation with all the international actors

13. The Contact Group expressed its gratitude to H.E. Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO, President of the Republic of the Congo and Chairman of the High Level Committee, for his leadership and the efforts of the members of the Committee and the Contact Group for their tireless efforts in the search for a durable solution to the crisis in Libya.

Oyo, 12th march 2020