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BRIEFING ON THE UNITED NATIONS SUPPORT MISSION IN LIBYA (UNSMIL)
AND LIBYA SANCTIONS

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Thank you Mr. President,

1. My delegation is grateful, for the briefing by Mr. Ján Kubiš, Special Envoy of the Secretary General and Amb. Tirumurti, Chair of the 1970 Committee.
2. We also welcome our colleague, Ambassador Taher Elsonni, Permanent Representative of Libya and thank him for his contribution.

Mr. President,

3. Libya stands at the cusp, of a major breakthrough, in its long and painstaking peace process. We recognise the commendable gains achieved, through the sheer resilience, and determination of its people.

4. We also commend the efforts of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, the critical role of neighbouring states, regional organisations and other partners.
5. The recent adoption of Security Council resolutions 2570 and 2571 was the required strong voice of this Council. We should now pursue their implementation, as we help the Libyan people, press stronger towards the intended mark- a peaceful, secure and stable Libya, devoid of unnecessary foreign interference.
6. Kenya takes note of the Secretary General's report on UNSMIL, and agrees on the need, to ringfence, the political gains made, towards the delivery of the 24th December elections.

Mr. President,

7. To inject more impetus into the ongoing process, Kenya emphasizes the need for all parties and member states, to fully respect the ceasefire agreement, including the immediate departure, of foreign fighters and mercenaries, and compliance with the arms embargo.
8. The Secretariat should in particular, complete the exercise, of detailing the requirements for the deployment, of the ceasefire monitoring support, envisioned by resolution 2570.
9. Kenya also calls for the deployment of a disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration programme in Libya, which should happen alongside security sector reforms. We are willing to share our experience in this regard, based on the implementation of our counter-terrorism and radicalization strategy.

10. However, we must be conscious of the risk, of fueling the cyclic conflict in the region, if the envisaged DDR programme, is not accompanied, by corresponding similar programmes, in neighbouring states.
11. It is therefore important that UNSMIL, in its support to Libya on this matter, works in close coordination and consultation, with neighbouring states, regional organisations, and other interested partners.
12. Kenya encourages the Government of National Unity, to continue working towards re-unification of national institutions, for fulfilment of its commitments to the people.
13. We also encourage continued investment in national reconciliation. In this regard, we welcome the establishment, of the High National Reconciliation Commission and acknowledge the commitment of the African Union in supporting this process.
14. Mr. President, the continued interception at sea, unfair treatment and return of migrants to Libyan ports, in violation of their basic human rights, is of concern to Kenya. Considering that Libya is not a safe port of return, we call on all those involved, to discontinue this practice. Meanwhile, the continuing appalling situation of refugees in Libya calls for urgent attention.
15. Sanctions should assist in advancing the peace process. It is important that frozen assets, be well guarded, for the future benefit of the Libyan people, and appropriately reviewed, according to resolution 2571.
16. We support the implementation of the arms embargo, through the renewal of authorisations under resolution 2292. We urge close consultation with the Government of National Unity, in their implementation.

17. Finally, Mr. President, Kenya calls on all member states and regional organisations, to continue extending support, for a truly Libyan-led and owned peace process, in a manner that upholds Libya's sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence.

Thank you for your attention.