

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 26 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of
Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to hereby transmit to you, in your capacity as the President of the Security Council, a letter dated 25 March 2020 from Mohamed T. H. Siala, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Libya (see annex).

I humbly request that the present letter and its annex be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Taher **Elsonni**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 26 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Letter dated 25 March 2020 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Government of National Accord of Libya addressed to the President of the Security Council

First, allow me to convey to you and the distinguished members of the Security Council my sincere greetings and my wishes for good health and well-being in these difficult times that the world is going through.

I am writing this letter to you because the suffering of the Libyan people is growing as they continue their efforts to repulse the protracted military aggression being carried out by the forces of Haftar and the countries that support him. The brutality of that aggression has increased, in particular over the past two days, after those forces violated the humanitarian truce that had been declared. At the time of writing, Grad rockets and mortar shells continued to fall on several residential neighbourhoods in the capital, Tripoli, killing several defenceless civilians and destroying their homes and property. Even the facilities of the Ruwaymi Correctional and Rehabilitation Centre were not spared. Those facilities, which are located in the Ayn Zara area south of Tripoli and house 420 prisoners, were bombarded yesterday, 24 March 2020. Several prisoners and those responsible for protecting them were injured. The bombardment prevented medical and auxiliary teams from reaching the area and assisting the wounded and transporting the rest to safer areas.

While we warn that a humanitarian tragedy will soon happen if there is no change in the situation, we trust that the Security Council will take the actions required to stop this aggression and protect defenceless civilians, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

(Signed) Mohamed T. H. Siala
Minister for Foreign Affairs
