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**Prevention of armed conflict: strengthening the role
of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes,
conflict prevention and resolution**

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**Identical letters dated 13 January 2020 from the Permanent
Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the League of Arab States, and in the capacity of Iraq as the current President of the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution 8456, entitled “Developments in the situation in Libya”, adopted at the extraordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the permanent delegate level, in Cairo, Egypt, on 31 December 2019 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31 (b), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed Hussein **Bahr Aluloom**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the identical letters dated 13 January 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Resolution No. 8456, adopted at the extraordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the level of permanent representatives held in Cairo on 31 December 2019

Developments in the situation in Libya

The Council of the League of Arab States at the level of permanent representatives, meeting in extraordinary session on 31 December 2019 at the headquarters of the secretariat and chaired by the Republic of Iraq,

Having considered the note of the Secretariat,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the secretariat,

Having regard to resolution No. 753, which was adopted at the thirtieth ordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the summit level held in Tunis on 31 March 2019, and also to other resolutions of the Council, the most recent of which was resolution No. 8409 (152nd ordinary session) dated 10 September 2019,

Decides to:

1. *Reaffirm* its commitment to the unity, sovereignty and territorial and national integrity of Libya and its rejection of external interference of any kind.
2. *Underscore* its support for the political process through the full implementation of the Skhirat Agreement of 17 December 2015, the sole basis for a settlement in Libya, and the importance of involving neighbouring States in international efforts to help the Libyans to resolve the crisis in that country.
3. *Express* its grave concern about the military escalation, which is fuelling the crisis in Libya and poses a threat to the security and stability of its neighbours and the wider region, including the Mediterranean area, *stress* the need to halt the military conflict and *underscore* that a return to security and stability in Libya and the elimination of terrorism can be brought about only by a political settlement.
4. *Stress* that allowing external military forces to intervene in the country represents a grave violation of the letter and spirit of the Libyan Political Agreement and relevant international resolutions that would serve only to escalate and prolong the conflict in Libya and the region.
5. *Reiterate* its rejection of and the necessity of preventing external interference, which facilitates the transfer to Libya of extremist foreign terrorist fighters and violates international arms embargoes and thereby threatens the security of that country's neighbours and the region.
6. *Request* the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to pursue contacts at the highest level with all parties that are concerned with the Libyan crisis, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with a view to identifying constructive and coordinated approaches to solving the crisis, preventing any external military intervention in Libya, which poses a threat to international peace and security, and supporting the efforts of the Special Envoy to Libya on the political, security and economic tracks in the endeavour to achieve a purely Libyan solution to

the crisis, and *request* that reports on the implementation of the present resolution be submitted periodically to the Council of the League.

(Resolution No. 8456, first extraordinary session, 31 December 2019)
