

PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UN, GENEVA

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SESSION (27 February-23 March 2012)**

**Item 4: Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the  
Human Rights Situation in Libya  
(12 March 2012)**

STATEMENT BY INDIA

Madam President,

We thank the Commission of Inquiry on Libya for their comprehensive report. We have read with great concern the findings of the Commission on the grave violation of human rights in Libya. We condemn all violence irrespective of who the perpetrators are. We also deplore the attacks that cause harm and death to the civilian population and damage the civilian infrastructure. We also note that amongst the 20 NATO air strikes investigated, the Commission documented 5 air strikes where a total 60 civilians were killed and 55 were injured as also damage to civilian infrastructure.

2. As pointed out in the Commission's report, the interim Government of Libya faces many challenges in restoring respect for human rights and holding perpetrators accountable for violations during and after the conflict. We welcome the commitment expressed by the National Transitional Council (NTC) for their commitment to human rights and acknowledge the positive steps in establishing new mechanisms for accountability including the creation of a National Fact-Finding and Reconciliation Commission.

Madam President,

3. The Government of India has pledged all possible assistance to the Transitional Government of Libya. India has extended humanitarian assistance both directly to the National Transitional Council of Libya and through the United Nations Office of Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid in New York. The Government of India has interacted on several occasions with the National Transitional Council in London, Istanbul and Paris meetings including in United Nations. A Libyan delegation visited India in December 2011 to tie-up treatment of injured Libyan patients in reputed hospitals in India for medical treatment. The Government of India is also arranging to send a team of Jaipur Foot to Tripoli. This team will be providing prosthesis (artificial limbs) to the injured Libyans and will set up a centre in Libya.

4. In conclusion, Madam President, as the Libyan people begin to rebuild their country on the principles of democracy, India reiterates its commitment for continued cooperation in their path to peace and economic development.

Thank you, Madam President.

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