

**Mr. Chair,  
Excellencies Heads of delegations,  
Excellencies representatives of the UN, AU, EU and LAS,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

I congratulate the German Government and my dear friend Minister Heiko Maas for the successful organization of this second Conference on Libya, which bears witness to Germany's commitment to peace and stability in our region and beyond.

I start by welcoming the full participation of the Libyan interim authorities to this Conference. Their presence in Berlin today tells a lot about the significant progress achieved in the past few months.

As a neighboring country that shares a long border with Libya (almost 1000 km), Algeria commends the Libyan actors for constructively engaging in the peace process under the UN auspices.

We are particularly delighted with the formation and endorsement of the Government of National Unity as well as with the relative stability made possible by the cease-fire agreement.

At this critical juncture of Libya's history, we firmly believe that more efforts are needed to consolidate the hard-made gains and avoid any form of relapse.

**Let me emphasize few areas in this regard:**

**First**, necessary preparations for the holding of free, fair and secure elections on 24 December this year, should be completed as soon as possible. This includes notably the clarification of the constitutional basis and the adoption of the electoral legislation to make sure that the Libyans do not miss this important milestone.

Algeria firmly believes that election is the key to resolving the leadership (legitimacy) issue and that it will open new perspectives for restoring peace and stability in the country.

**Second**, the reunification of the Libyan national institutions, in particular for security and defense, is paramount not just to Libya's security, but to the region as a whole.

For us, there can be no West or East, nor North or South. There is only one Libya, and therefore, there must be unified institutions to fulfill the legitimate aspirations of the Libyan people in its diversity and entirety.

**Third**, we are extremely concerned by the continued violations of the UN arms embargo as well as the persistent delays in withdrawing foreign forces and armed groups, including mercenaries.

As an immediate neighbor, we are directly and immediately affected, more than anyone else, by unfolding events in the vicinity of our borders.

We fail to understand why and for what purpose supply of weapons to Libyan parties, is continuing despite numerous UNSC resolutions under Chapter VII of the UN Charter as well as clear commitments made at the Berlin Conference.

This situation clearly undermines the credibility of the UN, and raises serious questions with regards to our collective engagement: what message are we sending to the Libyan parties? Why is the UNSC unable to address repeated and blatant violations of its own resolutions?

I seize this opportunity to reiterate our call on all external actors involved in the conflict to recommit to the conclusions of the Berlin Conference and to refrain from nurturing division and bloodshed in Libya. We urge them to be part of the solution and to avoid prolonging the problem.

**Fourth**, the importance of national reconciliation to ensure long-term stability, unity and social cohesion, cannot be overemphasized. We commend the Libyan Presidency Council for laying the groundwork to that effect through the creation of a High National Reconciliation Commission. Algeria will spare no effort to ensure the success of this process.

**Fifth**, these developments highlight the need to establish a Follow-up Committee to the Berlin Conference at our level, to assess on a regular basis the implementation of our respective commitments.

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It is important to reiterate and reemphasize the urgent need for all actors involved in Libya to abandon their narrow visions and agendas and to join the ongoing multilateral process that carries the potential of ending the sufferings of the Libyan people once for all.

Let's recommit to the conclusions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Berlin Conference!

Let's recommit to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya as well as the sovereign right of its people to benefit from their natural resources!

And last but not least, let's make sure that the general consensus around a "political and peaceful solution to the crisis in Libya" does not remain a mere slogan!

**I thank you for your kind attention**