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TRUCE IN LYBIA FOR AID AL ADHA

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USPA NEWS - The governments of France, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America welcome the announcement of a truce in Libya on the occasion of Eid el-Adha in response to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General with the support of the Security Council (UNSC press statement on Libya of 11 August), and invite all parties to effectively cease hostilities across Libya. We stand ready to assist the UN Mission in monitoring the observance of the truce and address any attempt to break it. As proposed by the SRSG and reaffirmed today by the Security Council, this truce should be accompanied by confidence-building measures between the parties that can pave the way for a sustainable cease-fire and a return to a constructive, inclusive dialogue.

The governments of France, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America reaffirm their strong commitment to a quick and peaceful resolution of the Libyan crisis. We reiterate that there can be no military option in Libya and we urge all parties to protect civilians, safeguard Libya's oil resources and protect its infrastructure.

The governments of France, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America condemn in the strongest terms the attack that targeted a UN convoy in Benghazi yesterday. The circumstances of this vicious act must be established with no delay and those who were behind must be identified and held accountable. We reiterate their full support to the essential work of the UN Mission in Libya. Source French Foreign Affairs

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