

The Interim Transitional National Council Statement

BENGHAZI, LIBYA – 22 March 2011 – The Gaddafi regime has clearly proven its inability to assume its responsibility and to honor its vows in response to the demands and aspirations of the Libyan people for over four decades. The regime chose to respond to what began as the people's right to peaceful demonstrations, as expressed in the February 17 revolution, with brutal force, resulting in death and destruction. As a result, the Interim National Council has called for the International Community to take all forceful deterrent measures based on the UN charter and international covenants to help the Libyan people put an end to further large scale crimes against the humanity.

The International Community has responded positively and constructively by adopting SC resolutions 1970 (2011) and 1973 (2011) and by taking all necessary measures against some of Gaddafi's forces that continue to threaten civilians. However, more urgent measures need to be taken to ensure the protection of civilian people.

The **Interim National Council** is committed to the ultimate goal of the revolution; namely to build a constitutional democratic civil state based on the rule of law, respect for human rights and the guarantee of equal rights and opportunities for all its citizens including full political participations by all citizens and equal opportunities between men and women and the promotion of women empowerment. The Interim national council will vow to encourage a state where its people enjoy the right to live in safety and security and within an environment of stability.

Libya will become a state which respects universal core values that are embedded in the rich cultural diversities around the globe which includes justice, freedom, human rights, and non-violence. A state that is responsive to its citizen's needs, delivers basic services effectively, and creates an enabling environment for a thriving private sector in an open economy to other markets around the world.

The Interim National Council reaffirms that Libya's foreign policy will be based on both mutual respect and common interests. Libya will be a state that fully respects the International law and International declarations on human rights and one which will participate in international relations responsibly, constructively and with good faith.