Communiqué by the Libyan National Transitional Council Regarding Landmines

Recognising that landmines indiscriminately kill and maim both during and after armed conflict, and also impede humanitarian aid and socio-economic development as well as post-conflict reconstruction, the NTC hereby stresses the following:

The Libyan National Transitional Council (NTC) announces to the people of Libya that no forces under the command and control of the NTC will use antipersonnel or anti-vehicle landmines.

Forces under the command and control of the NTC shall be requested to destroy all landmines in their possession, including mines recovered during operations. This ban shall be transmitted to all combatants under the command and control of the National Transitional Council.

The NTC agrees to cooperate in the provision of mine clearance, risk education and victim assistance.

We believe that any future Libyan government should relinquish landmines and join the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty.

Signed,

National Transitional Council