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Interactive Dialogue with the Fact-Finding Mission on Libya

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Madame President,

Human rights violations and abuses by militias, armed groups and security forces continued unabated in Libya in 2021 in a climate of impunity. Amnesty International documented widespread arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, and other unlawful deprivation of liberty, torture and other ill-treatment, rape and sexual and gender-based violence, unlawful killings, grossly unfair trials, including military trials for civilians. Just this week, Libyan security forces and militias arbitrarily arrested thousands of migrants and refugees and detained them in inhumane conditions, where many were subjected to torture including sexual violence.

Amnesty International is deeply concerned that Libyan authorities, those in de facto control of territory, and third states involved in the conflict have failed to take any measures to hold accountable those responsible for serious violations of international law, including for mass extrajudicial executions and other unlawful killings in Tarhouna. Instead, Libyan authorities continued to provide legitimacy and funding to abusive militias and armed groups.

Madame President

Amnesty International welcomes the report by the Fact-Finding Mission, as a step towards accountability. In light of the limited time and resources available to the Fact-Finding Mission, the report addresses the tip of the iceberg that constitutes the human rights crisis in Libya and there is much more work to be done. Therefore, we welcome the Libyan delegation's sponsoring of the resolution renewing the Fact-Finding Mission; we urge the Council to extend this mandate for at least one year. And we welcome the resolution's provisions on granting unhindered access to the fact-finding mission to all Libyan territory and to visit sites, and to meet and speak freely and privately. We urge all states to lend full support and cooperation to the Fact-Finding Mission, including through removing any obstacles to accessing prisons, detention centres and other key sites.

Thank you.