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Madame Chair,

I give warm greetings to the Delegation of Libya and give solidarity and support in sorting out the complex situation your country is facing. While you are in the process of rebuilding and reforming your political structures and society, we realize this will take time and patience and great effort in sorting out the difficulties that you face. In this regard it is necessary to promote a system that creates the balance between reconciliation and rebuilding political alliances and social structures that is a reflection of your cultural aspirations as peoples, your right to development and your desire to form a government that is representative of your peoples, and not the desire of the colonial aspirations of those who would like to exploit the situation. Only you can sort this out. While there will be an inevitable desire to accuse and to criminalize each side of the dispute, it is up to the Human Rights Council and to other peoples and to civil society to offer balanced support that will make this difficult situation easier to sort out.

We can only recommend that all Tribal Groups are given due consideration in a government structure that will allow for their participation in developing a government that will be reflective of the will of the peoples, not only of the collective of the Libyan peoples, but of a form of representation of the Tribal peoples.

As Indigenous Peoples and as peoples who aspire for permanent sovereignty over our natural resources, we wish you the very best in your endeavors.

I thank you Madame Chair