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Today's update:

- OSD staff confirmed today that they do not plan to formally respond to our request to deploy a hospital ship to Libya citing cost (*est. \$20M/month*), time (*25-30 days to move on station*), and the inappropriateness of the ship to meet Libya's current medical needs.
- DOD will keep the ship option "on the table" should the situation in Libya make it a more appropriate response.
- Embassy-Tripoli continues to advise against the deployment of DOD field hospitals for 4 reasons: 1) Ministry of Health confirmed they have an adequate number of field hospitals staffed by International Medical Corps and others; 2) Libyan sensitivities to the presence of foreign troops; 3) the declining need for immediate emergency trauma response, and 4) the fighters' expectation that they will receive special treatment outside of Libya as a reward for their sacrifice. The TNC is under enormous pressure to meet this expectation.
- Embassy Tripoli is also working on the payment arrangement for medical costs using Libyan funds in the Temporary Financial Mechanism.
- However, Embassy Tripoli notes the possibility that after the immediate and high profile MEDEVAC support, the Libyan authorities will need assistance in developing longer-term rehabilitative and mental health care for their war-wounded. DOD may be able to provide this assistance in Libya.
- OSD is working earnestly to respond positively to our request to provide MEDEVAC airlift to move Libyan wounded to both the U.S. and Europe.
- Initial flight being planned for as early as Thursday would include 20-25 ambulatory wounded for transport to Spalding Rehabilitative Hospital in Boston, MA.
- Post has provided passport information to CA to expedite entry into the US.

- Possible second flight may transport 6 unstable, seriously wounded to hospitals in Europe. This flight will require a specialized aircraft.
- Embassy-Tripoli is making significant progress in organizing first cohort of patients for these two flights.
- DOD is tentatively planning to use what remains of the Presidential Drawdown Authority (about \$8 million) to fund this flight and possibly others. We are still working within State to determine if this is the right use of this resource.

--DOD would require the stationing of six additional personnel on the ground in Tripoli to assist with these flights.

- NEA and EUR are working to identify European partner nations that would be willing to receive airlifted patients.

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