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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 2:25 PM
To: H
Cc: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Fw: Urgent from Libya

Trying to verify that this is out.

From: Lempert, Yael
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 02:21 PM
To: Cretz, Gene A; Burns, William J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sanderson, Janet A; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma
Subject: RE: Urgent from Libya

Here is a rough translation, courtesy of an Embassy Tripoli LES

The Interim National Council Statement regarding the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution no. 1973

The Interim National Council welcomes the UN Security Council Resolution no. 1973 of the year 2011 as well as the outcome of Paris summit which took place yesterday, March 19, 2011 and praises all the efforts for the speedy execution of the resolution, specially in regards to enforcing the No Fly Zone and the strikes that were directed against Al Ghadafi's militias. Those militias were progressing to enter Benghazi and bomb it from each side and only those aforementioned efforts prevented a genocide from happening in the city of Benghazi and forced Al Ghadafi's militias to retreat away from the city, which reassured innocent civilians who had started to leave the city.

We are surprised with the statements of some countries and some political figures who criticized the use of force against Al Ghadafi's militias, which were bombing residential cities full of civilians in plain sight of the international community after Al Ghadafi's description of the resolutions as illegitimate and emphasizing his non-compliance with it, and even threatening to open arms depots and to turn the Mediterranean territory into a war zone. The Council stresses that the use of force by the international coalition comes under article four of the Security Council's resolution no. 1973 that calls all countries to take all necessary measures to protect civilians. In this regard, the Interim National Council calls on all countries to assume their responsibilities against the massacres that are being perpetrated today against civilians, especially in the cities of Misurata and Zentan which are under heavy bombardment in all of their key locations, and both cities are blocked from all telecommunication services, electricity and water, not to mention the blockage of the passage of humanitarian aid to them.

The Interim National Council highlights that the international community should be aware of the crimes that are being perpetrated by the Al Ghadafi regime, including the kidnapping of the bodies of martyrs who fall in clashes against Al Ghadafi's militias and now are being shown to the media, to confuse and delude the world that those martyrs fell under the international forces' fire, and we deny the fall of any victims due to the coalition strikes, based on confirmations of medical sources and witnesses.

The Council calls again on the international community and all of our friends and neighboring countries to assume their responsibilities by breaking the siege and stopping the fire on a number of Libyan cities, specially Misurata and Zentan, and to protect civilians under article four of the Security Council resolution no. 1973.

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From: Cretz, Gene A
Sent: Sun 3/20/2011 1:15 PM
To: Burns, William J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Lempert, Yael; Sanderson, Janet A; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Re: Urgent from Libya

If this not enuf I have asked them to email me a statement if they can't reach cnn,etc and if they authenticate it well send it on

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From: Burns, William J
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 01:12 PM
To: Cretz, Gene A; Feltman, Jeffrey D
Subject: RE: Urgent from Libya

Thanks, Gene.

Jeff: Please let Jake and Huma have whatever final version is produced by LNC for S call to Moussa. Thanks.

From: Cretz, Gene A
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Burns, William J; Feltman, Jeffrey D (Manama); Schlicher, Ronald L; Sanderson, Janet A; Wells, Alice G
Subject: Fw: Urgent from Libya

Lnc tells me this contains welcome for coalition efforts and refutes Q assertions of civ casualties. I called abujallil back and said we want another statement right away with rhose 2 elements plus asking arabs to help. They are trying to get to news stations to deliver

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From: ahmed alhasi [mailto:
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 12:54 PM
To: Cretz, Gene A
Subject: Urgent from Libya

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Dear Cretz

Upon request from Mr. Ali Alisawi, please find attached a statement (in Arabic) adopted today by the Interim National Council in Libya regarding the implementation of SC resolution 1973.

Best regards

Ahmed Gebreel