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**The Secretary's Call Sheet for  
South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Maite Nkoana-Mashabane [nn-koh-AH-na mah-sha-BAH-nay]**

**Purpose of Call:** To urge Minister Mashabane to agree to the U.S. proposal to unfreeze Libyan assets and to convey that we have begun moving forward with the alternative of a UNSC vote on a technical resolution to approve our proposal on Thursday as a result of South Africa's hold.



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Background: On August 8, the United States asked the UNSC's Libya Sanctions Committee to grant an asset freeze exemption to allow us to unfreeze certain Libyan assets for urgently-needed humanitarian assistance. On August 15, the South Africa mission asked the Committee for more time to consider the proposal, effectively preventing the Committee from agreeing to the exemption. Only South Africa and India objected. India withdrew its objections August 22.

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[Redacted] 1.4(D)

[Redacted] Mashabane<sup>B1</sup> told Ambassador Gips on August 24 that President Zuma is supportive but insists on getting PSC support for buckets 2 and 3, stressing that the President "really wants to work with the United States" on this issue. Ambassador Gips pressed on bucket 2, but Mashabane reiterated that Zuma will not budge until after the PSC meeting.

[Redacted] to the UN, [Redacted] State, and USUN have agreed to shift gears and pursue a short technical UNSCR that would approve our \$1.5 billion proposal. USUN has called a Security Council meeting this afternoon (August 24) to introduce our draft resolution, discuss our proposal, and to put pressure on the South Africans. We will tell the Council that we will seek a vote on the UNSCR August 25 unless the South Africans lift their hold. We are not prepared to wait until the outcome of the AU meeting, given there have been no clear indicators that this meeting will ensure South Africa's hold is lifted.

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