

Statement by the Group of Friends on Responsibility to Protect on the situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

25 February 2010 *The Group of Friends is an informal cross regional group of UN member states that share a common interest in the responsibility to protect (R2P) and advancing this norm within the UN-system.*

1. The Group of Friends on Responsibility to Protect expresses its grave concern at the recent grave human rights violations committed in Libya, which if wide-spread and systematic, may account to crimes against humanity, in particular the continued violence against civilians, and the incitement and inflammatory statements.

2. The Group of Friends wishes to reiterate paragraphs 138 and 139 of the World Summit Outcome document (A/RES/60/1), and in particular the responsibility for individual countries and the international community to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, including their incitement.

3. We welcome the press statement issued by the Security Council on 22 February 2011, which calls upon the Government of Libya to meet its responsibility to protect its population, as well as the statement by the Secretary-General's Special Advisers on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect on the same matter.

4. We also welcome the recent statements and communiqués by the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Peace and Security Council of the African Union and the European Union.

5. We strongly call upon the government of Libya to meet its Responsibility to Protect its population and put an immediate end to all human rights violations and ensure the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

6. We call upon all the relevant bodies of the United Nations to take urgent and appropriate measures to put into practice the commitment of the international community to the Responsibility to Protect.

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