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Letter dated 18 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), adopted on 17 March 2011, and to notify you of the French Government's decision to take measures authorized by paragraphs 4 and 8 of the resolution in order to "protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack" and to "enforce compliance with the ban on flights imposed by paragraph 6" (of the same resolution).

I also confirm that France will inform you immediately of all measures taken under the authorization of resolution 1973 (2011).

The Secretary General of the League of Arab States is being notified today of France's decision to take measures pursuant to paragraph 8 of the resolution.

I would be grateful if you would transmit the present letter to the President of the Security Council for circulation as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Gérard Araud

