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Letter dated 19 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Italy 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. In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 8 of that resolution, I hereby notify you that Italy is taking measures under the authorizations conferred in those paragraphs which are necessary to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under threat of attack in Libya and to enforce compliance with the ban on flights in Libyan airspace imposed by paragraph 6 of that resolution.

I can confirm the intention of my Government to inform you immediately of any measures taken in the exercise of these authorizations.

Italy is writing in parallel to the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to notify him that Italy is taking measures under paragraph 8 of resolution 1973 (2011).

I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Cesare Maria **Ragolini**

