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Letter dated 21 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates 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 concerning the situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 8 of the above-mentioned resolution I hereby notify you that the United Arab Emirates will take measures under the authorizations conferred in those paragraphs, which are necessary to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack in Libya.

In the meantime the United Arab Emirates has been providing humanitarian assistance to the Libyan people affected by the current events in their country. The humanitarian assistance included the following:

- About 40 tons of humanitarian aid has been provided by the United Arab Emirates to the refugees camping at the Libyan-Tunisian border. An aircraft carrying the humanitarian aid reached Garba Airport in Tunisia last week. The payload, which consisted of medicines, medical material, food and tents, was part of the airlift between the United Arab Emirates and Tunisia to improve the humanitarian condition of people who were displaced by the violence in Libya to the Libyan-Tunisian border. The United Arab Emirates humanitarian operation on the Libyan-Tunisian border town to help thousands of stranded people is being coordinated with the Tunisian Red Crescent, the Red Cross and international agencies.
- The United Arab Emirates has, in coordination with Turkey, sent a ship loaded with medical and humanitarian aid to Libya. Two United Arab Emirates aeroplanes carrying humanitarian aid flew last week to Libya to contribute to efforts to ease the suffering of the Libyan people by meeting essential requirements ranging from medicines and medical equipment to food supplies.

The United Arab Emirates stands ready to provide any further assistance needed for the affected people in Libya within the stipulations of Security Council resolution 1973 (2011).



I would be very grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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