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Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), adopted on 17 March 2011, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

- On 24 and 25 March 2011, the Italian Air Force completed six missions under operation “Odyssey Dawn”. In addition, naval units from the Italian Navy have continued to cooperate with the Air Force in maintaining control and protection of the airspace.
- On 26 March 2011, four naval units were placed under NATO command and deployed as part of operation “Unified Protector” to enforce the arms embargo. The missions were conducted by the Italian Air Force while the naval units, under national command, provided the Air Force with the necessary assets for the control and protection of Italy’s airspace.
- On 27 March 2011, Italy placed eight aircraft under NATO operational command to implement the no-fly zone, pursuant to operation “Unified Protector”. Italian Air Force aircraft have been deployed on four “Odyssey Dawn” missions.
- On 28 and 29 March 2011, Italian aircraft were deployed on “Odyssey Dawn” missions.
- On 30 March 2011, all Italian assets including aircraft, were placed under NATO control for operation “Unified Protector” for a total of 7 air bases, 12 aircraft and 4 naval units.

(Signed) Cesare Maria **Ragolini**

