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Letter dated 13 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), dated 17 March 2011, concerning the situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

I should like to inform you that Kuwait is continuing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Libyan people who are suffering as a result of the events currently taking place in their country. Such assistance is also provided pursuant to paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned resolution, concerning support for international community efforts to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. To date, that assistance has included the following:

- Kuwait has announced that it will provide the Libyan Transitional National Council with financial assistance worth \$180 million. That emergency humanitarian assistance will help the Libyan people to overcome the current humanitarian and existential crisis.
- Through the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, Kuwait has dispatched a third relief aircraft bearing 20 tons of medicines and medical equipment to meet the most urgent needs of the Libyan people.
- The Tunisian field team of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society is continuing to carry out the relief operations and humanitarian programmes through which it supplies the wants of the displaced persons on the borders of Libya with Tunisia and oversees the delivery of humanitarian requirements to those in need on that border.

Kuwait is ready to provide any additional assistance and relief to the civilian population of Libya, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), and trusts that the international endeavours that are exerted pursuant to the Security Council resolution will save the lives of our brothers in Libya and end the tragic situation in which they currently find themselves.

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

(Signed) Mansour Ayyad Alotaibi Permanent Representative



