Resolution 2017 (2011)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 6644th meeting, on 31 October 2011

The Security Council,


Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya,

Stressing that national ownership and national responsibility are key to establishing sustainable peace in Libya,

Stressing also the importance of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, in accordance with its mandate under resolution 2009 (2011), assisting and supporting Libyan national efforts, inter alia to restore public security and order,

Recalling that, pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 1970 (2011), Member States are obliged to prohibit the procurement of all arms and related materiel from Libya by their nationals, or using their flagged vessels or aircraft, and whether or not originating in the territory of Libya,

Expressing concern at the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular man-portable surface-to-air missiles, from Libya, in the region and its potential impact on regional and international peace and security,

Underlining the risk of destabilization posed by the dissemination in the Sahel region of illicit small arms and light weapons, and recalling in that regard the Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2011/388), which, inter alia calls for strengthened cooperation in the Sahel area, as well as the work of the United Nation Office for Central Africa,

Recognizing the urgent need for additional efforts to be made at the national, regional and international levels, in order to prevent the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular man-portable surface-to-air missiles, in the region,

Recognizing also the urgent need to secure and destroy chemical weapons stockpiles in Libya, in accordance with its international obligations,
Emphasizing that the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular, man-portable surface-to-air missiles, in the region could fuel terrorist activities, including those of Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb,

Reaffirming, in that regard, that terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security,

Reiterating the obligation of Member States to cooperate in order to prevent the movement of terrorist groups, and the proliferation of arms in support of terrorist activities, inter alia through effective border control,

Mindful of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security,

1. Calls upon the Libyan authorities to take all necessary steps to prevent the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular man-portable surface-to-air missiles, to ensure their proper custody, as well as to meet Libya’s arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation obligations under international law, through the full implementation of their plans in this regard;

2. Further calls upon the Libyan authorities to continue their close coordination with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, with the aim of destroying their stockpiles of chemical weapons, in accordance with their international obligations;

3. Calls upon States in the region to consider appropriate measures to prevent the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular man-portable surface-to-air missiles, in the region;

4. Calls upon Member States, international and regional organizations and entities, including relevant United Nations bodies, to provide the necessary assistance to the Libyan authorities and States in the region in order to achieve this goal;

5. Requests the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1970 (2011), with assistance from its Panel of Experts, and in cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate, and working with other relevant United Nations bodies including the International Civil Aviation Organization, and in consultation with international and regional organizations and entities, to assess the threats and challenges, in particular related to terrorism, posed by the proliferation of all arms and related materiel of all types, in particular man-portable surface-to-air missiles, from Libya, in the region, and to submit a report to the Council on proposals to counter this threat, and to prevent the proliferation of arms and related materiel, including, inter alia, measures to secure these arms and related materiel, to ensure that stockpiles are managed safely and securely, to strengthen border control and to enhance transport security;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his reports pursuant to resolution 2009 (2011) to the Security Council updates on the implementation of this resolution;

7. Decides to remain seized of the matter.