Letter dated 13 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw the attention of the Security Council to the grave security and humanitarian situation in the city of Sirte, where the organization Islamic State has committed unprecedented crimes against the population.

Since Wednesday, 12 August 2015, the organization Islamic State has been massacring the civilian population. More than 30 civilians have been killed and a large number have been injured in an effort to suppress the inhabitants’ uprising against Islamic State. The latter has carried out a series of assassinations and human rights violations targeting civilians, particularly moderate religious leaders and political activists.

The transitional Government of Libya expresses its outrage at the negative attitude of the international community and the Security Council, which has looked on at the suffering of the civilian population of Sirte and other Libyan cities all the while preventing the Libyan army from acquiring weapons and strengthening its capabilities. It is also outraged that the necessary measures have not been taken in order to protect civilians in accordance with Security Council resolution 2214 (2015), particularly paragraphs 3 and 7.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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