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**Letter dated 31 May 2011 from the Chargée d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you dated 12 May 2011 from His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, regarding the exportation of oil extracted from the areas under control of the Transitional National Council in Libya (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alya Ahmed S. **Al-Thani**  
Ambassador  
Chargée d'affaires a.i.



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a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations  
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[Original: Arabic]

I write further to the letter sent to you by the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of Libya concerning the exportation of oil from the Libyan territories under the control of the Transitional National Council of Libya.

I have the honour to inform you that, in common with certain other States, the Government of the State of Qatar has recognized the Transitional National Council of Libya as the sole legitimate representative of the Libyan people, being convinced that the political and legal conditions for such recognition are in place.

The decision to sell Libyan oil is the exclusive prerogative of the Transitional National Council, as the legal authority with effective control over the territories under its jurisdiction. Neither Qatar nor any other State has anything to do with the matter. However, like any other oil-trading State or institution, Qatar may buy such oil or act as an intermediary in its sale.

The Government of Qatar is meticulous in its respect for the principles of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations. It is committed to United Nations resolutions and, in particular, Security Council resolutions 1970 (2011) and 1973 (2011) concerning the situation in Libya. At the same time, Qatar stresses its commitment to and support for all General Assembly resolutions concerning the sovereignty of States over their natural resources.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter circulated to all Member States as a document of the United Nations.

(Signed) Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr **Al-Thani**  
Prime Minister

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