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STATEMENT ON LIBYA

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The ministers of Foreign Affairs of France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy welcome the statement of the members of the Libyan Political Dialogue, gathered in Tunis on the 10th and on the 11th of March 2016. France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union express full support to the Government of National Accord as proposed by the Presidency Council, and acknowledge the statement of 23 February signed by a majority of members of the House of Representatives in which they announced their support for the Government of National Accord.

They intend to work closely with the Government of National Accord as the only legitimate government in Libya. They will continue to provide full support for the efforts of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya and of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General and will stand by the Government of National Accord.

The Libyan Presidency Council and the Government of National Accord must intensify their efforts to take up their authorities in full to meet the demands of the Libyan people, who are exhausted because of the crisis. The Libyan people deserve peace and stability.

The Libyan Political Dialogue called on the Presidency Council to move to Tripoli and urged all public bodies, including financial institutions, to facilitate an immediate peaceful handover of power. This handover has to be implemented as soon as possible. The Government of National Accord must swiftly assume its rightful role in assuring sole oversight of all the economic and financial institutions in Tripoli, which must serve the interest of all Libyans.

As the Political Dialogue made clear, the Libyan Political Agreement is the only legitimate framework for bringing an end to Libya's political crisis and military conflict. The institutional framework foreseen in the Libyan Political Agreement must be rapidly set up, including through the full establishment of the State Council.

The ministers and the High Representative remind individuals on both sides that those who undermine the political process, the establishment of the Government of National Accord and the implementation of the Skhirat agreement, may face sanctions.

Political unity and an inclusive and functioning government is the only way to put an end to the instability that has fueled the development of terrorism in Libya. The ministers and the High representative call on all Libyan parties and the Libyan People to act responsibly at this decisive time for the future of their country by providing full support to the GNA and its installation in Tripoli.