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by the Spokesperson on the situation in Libya

"We strongly condemn the escalation of fighting in and around Tripoli, Benghazi and across Libya, including attacks on residential areas involving air strikes by unidentified fighter jets. We reject the pursuit of political goals through the use of armed force, and insist that broad-based political dialogue is the only solution to address the current crisis. Those responsible for such violence, which undermines Libya's democratic transition and national security, must be held accountable.

We welcome the planned discussions at the United Nations Security Council in the coming days, on the political and security situation in Libya as well as on the consequences for those who undermine Libya's peace and stability. We reiterate our call that all parties accept an immediate ceasefire.

We recognise the democratic legitimacy of the House of Representatives and underline that it should make every effort to represent all Libyans. We call on Libya's interim Government and House of Representatives to urgently establish a truly inclusive government capable of addressing the Libyan people's aspirations for security, reconciliation, and prosperity. We also encourage the Constitutional Drafting Assembly to immediately pursue its work towards the drafting of a document that will enshrine and protect the rights of all Libyans.

We reject unilateral outside interference in Libya, which exacerbates current divisions and undermines Libya's democratic transition."

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