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1. Medium shot, Stephanie Williams, UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Libya, speaking at UN Geneva.

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The following is a translation of comments in Arabic by Ms. Williams to the Leaders of Libya's House of Representatives (HOR) and the High State Council (HSC) in Geneva on Tuesday 29 June 2022:

"Excellencies, Honorable Speaker of the Parliament, President of the High Council of State

Distinguished members of the delegations,

I am very pleased to welcome you here today in this United Nations Headquarters, the Palais des Nations, a historic and highly symbolic United Nations venue, which once hosted the League of Nations, and which I truly hope will be auspicious for this important meeting.

I would like to express my gratitude to our host, the Swiss Government, which has once again demonstrated its friendship to the United Nations and to Libya, welcoming us at very short notice with gracious hospitality.

Your presence here today is an example of responsible leadership and I want to thank you for accepting my invitation to convene soon after the conclusions of the third and final round of talks in Cairo.

The Joint Committee deliberated extensively in carrying out a detailed review of the Draft Constitution, settled disagreements, and achieved consensus on important issues. For the first time, since its adoption by the CDA in 2017, the House of Representatives and the High Council of State engaged in a serious consideration and review of the Constitutional proposal, agreeing on critical elements, safeguards and guardrails which are indispensable for the holding of national elections and therefore to end Libya endless cycle of transitions and interim periods. It is a commendable achievement and it has been a laborious and demanding task.

We are here today to discuss a final and equally important element which has remained outstanding during the talks in Cairo and which requires your leadership to reach consensus, the transitional measures: timelines, modalities and milestones to guarantee a clear path to the holding of national elections as soon possible, through joint work and a consensual outcome.

I have witnessed an unprecedented level of cooperation between the institutions and you have now reached a critical stage of what has been a long and difficult path.

It is now the time to make a final and courageous effort to ensure that this historic compromise takes place, for the sake of Libya, the Libyan people and the credibility of its institutions.

Thank you."

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