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## **UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION ON LIBYA A FUNDAMENTAL STEP FOR ENDING IMPUNITY**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2011, the people of Libya began mass protests against the Government of President Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi. The army forces and mercenaries have been ordered by Al- Qadhafi to carry out bloody attempts in suppressing the uprising. The troops have randomly fired at the protesters which have left many died. It is estimated that about 1,000 people have died since the uprising began. The wide spread and systemic attacks in Libya against the Civilian population may amount to crimes against humanity an offence under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Accordingly, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on 26<sup>th</sup> of February unanimously adopted the resolution to refer the situation in Libya to the Prosecutor of ICC, a State not a party to the Rome Statute for analysis. The UNSC's move shows that the international community will not tolerate crimes being committed against peaceful demonstrators. This is the second time the UNSC is referring a matter to the ICC for intervention following its referral of the Darfur situation that saw the indictment of President Omar al-Bashir and other top officials over crime of genocide and crimes against humanity.

HURINET-U and the UCICC welcome these developments and applaud the decision of the UNSC and other stakeholders towards the realisation of justice and lasting peace in Libya.

HURINET-U and the UCICC further calls upon;

- (1) The office of Prosecutor to act expeditiously and impartially in carrying out the analysis and open investigation into the Libyan situation to ensure that there is no impunity for leaders involved in the commission of crimes.
- (2) The Peace and Security Council of the AU, UN Human Rights Council to cooperate with the ICC Prosecutor on their investigative missions into committed crimes and undertake measures that will help in restoring peace in Libya.

(3) The International community to respond in a collective manner to stop blood shade and restoration of peace in Libya.

(4) AU to come out clearly and take steps to stop the crimes being committed in Libya.

Dated at Kampala this 1<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2011**.



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