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Security Council meeting on the Situation in Libya (Adoption)

Explanation of vote after the vote delivered by

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As co-penholders of this resolution, we would like to thank all Council members for their engagement and their support for extending the authorizations of UNSC resolution 2780.

A six-month renewal of resolution 2733, this past May, gave us indeed the opportunity to engage with Council members, as well as with all relevant parties and stakeholders, in particular the Libyan authorities, on how the arms embargo can be efficiently implemented.

Today's renewal helps further these efforts, by providing additional time and space to hold meaningful discussions on the issue. Availing ourselves of today's adoption, we would like to stress again the importance of renewal of resolution 2292, as amended by resolution 2733.

It provides for the legal framework for the authorization of inspections of vessels carried out, under certain conditions, on the high seas by Member States, acting nationally or through regional organizations. Maintaining this legal framework is essential to ensure continuity and effectiveness of monitoring and enforcement of the UN arms embargo.

As stated in the Secretary General's Report, in the context of the overall political and security volatility in Libya, compliance with the arms embargo is critical to preventing any further escalation of internal armed conflict, improving prospects for the withdrawal of foreign forces, foreign fighters and mercenaries and creating conditions for long-term stability. We, therefore, support all actions that contribute to strengthening the effectiveness of the UN arms embargo on Libya.

Operation IRINI, as an impartial and unique instrument, provides a deterrent against arms smuggling. It serves as the primary tool for maritime enforcement of the UN arms embargo in the entire region, thus concretely and effectively contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo, and to international

efforts for peace and stability in Libya. We encourage continued cooperation between Operation IRINI and all relevant partners and stakeholders, in particular the Libyan authorities, and we underline the need for full, unhindered implementation of its mandate in line with relevant resolutions.