

**R019-0708**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF LYBIA TO THE UNITED**  
20     **NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL**

30     **WHEREAS:**     The United Nations is an organization dedicated to “reaffirm faith the in  
40                     fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the  
50                     equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small.”

60     **WHEREAS:**     Lybia, a country famous for numerous human rights violations and their  
70                     treatment of political prisoners, has recently been named as a member of the  
80                     United Nations Security Council.

90     **WHEREAS:**     Over the past three decades, Libya’s human rights record has been appalling. It  
100                    has included the abduction, forced disappearance or assassination of political  
110                    opponents; torture and mistreatment of detainees; and long-term detention  
120                    without charge or trial or after grossly unfair trials.

130    **WHEREAS:**     Today hundreds of people remain arbitrarily detained, some for over a decade,  
140                     and there are serious concerns about treatment in detention and the fairness of  
150                     procedures in several on-going high profile trials before the Peoples’ Courts.

160    **WHEREAS:**     Libya has been a closed country for United Nations and non-governmental  
170                     human rights investigators.

180    **WHEREAS:**     Twelve men are on trial for planning to hold a peaceful political demonstration in  
190                     Tripoli, the Libyan capital; two more men have disappeared in connection with  
200                     the demonstration.

210    **WHEREAS:**     Libya’s Internal Security Agency detained Idrees Mohamed Boufayed, a doctor  
220                     who had been living in Switzerland for the past 16 years, on November 5 during  
230                     a visit to Libya, Boufayed was an outspoken leader of Libyan leader Muammar  
240                     al-Qadhafi.

250    **WHEREAS:**     The Libyan government subjects migrants, asylum seekers and refugees to  
260                     serious human rights abuses, including beatings and arbitrary arrests.

270    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United  
280                     States delegation on the Security Council, in protest of a country that goes so  
290                     blatantly against the charter of the United Nations being appointed to the  
300                     Security Council, to veto any proposals made by Lybia in the Security Council.

310    **MANDATES:**     Zalmay Khalilzad, United States Ambassador to the United Nations

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