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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF LIBIA 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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