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THE U.S.A STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROGRESS THE LIBYAN PEOPLE

U.S SEC BLINKEN ATTENDS 2nd BERLIN CONF

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USPA NEWS - We applaud the Libyan people for their determination to restore unity to their country."Secretary Antony J. Blinken stated who is to participate in the Second Berlin Conference on Libya on June 23 in Berlin, underscoring U.S. support for progress in Libya and reaffirming the importance of Libya's national elections scheduled for December 24, 2021.

Secretary Blinken will also emphasize support for the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 2570 (2021) and 2571 (2021) along with the October 23 Libyan nationwide ceasefire agreement, including the withdrawal of foreign military forces, foreign fighters, and mercenaries.

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS-----

- The United States strongly supports the progress the Libyan people have made towards an inclusive, negotiated political solution.
- The United States is committed to increasing its diplomatic focus on supporting progress in Libya, including through the work of Ambassador Richard Norland as the U.S. Special Envoy for Libya.

SUPPORT FOR ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER 2021-----

- The United States strongly supports the work of the Libyan interim Government of National Unity to ensure elections are held in December 2021.
- The goal of the United States is a sovereign, stable, unified, and secure Libya with no foreign interference, and a democratically elected government that supports human rights and development, and that is capable of combating terrorism within its borders.
- The United States looks forward to working with the international community and Libyan partners to ensure robust support as national elections are organized for December 2021 and the political transition continues.

WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES-----

- The United States opposes all military escalation and foreign military interventions, including through foreign fighters and proxy forces, which deepen and prolong the conflict in Libya.
- To that end, the United States strongly supports the implementation of the October 23 Libyan nationwide ceasefire agreement, including the withdrawal of foreign military forces, foreign fighters, and mercenaries.
- The United States, at the highest levels, engages stakeholders on all sides of the conflict – both Libyan and international – to encourage restraint and advance a Libyan-led, UN-facilitated political solution in the service of Libyan sovereignty and protection of the shared interests of the international community.

ASSISTANCE-----

- Since 2011, the United States has invested over \$850 million in Libya's overall development, including \$605 million in U.S. development and security assistance, as well as nearly \$269 million in humanitarian assistance, including nearly \$11 million in COVID-related humanitarian assistance.
- The United States implements programming across Libya to promote a peaceful political transition and to strengthen the foundations of a more unified Libyan state. Source: U.S Secretary of State

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