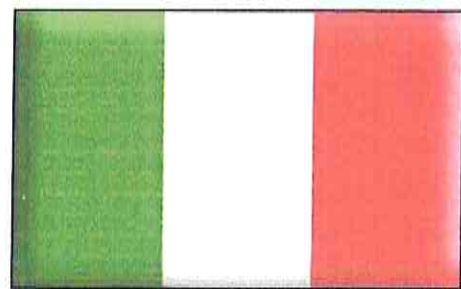




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THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE LIBYAN ARMY

Libyan-Italian 1st meeting of the Military Cooperation Committee 2022



Tripoli, 4 – 5 June 2022

1st Meeting of the Italian-Libyan Joint Cooperation Committee of 2022

Minutes of the Meeting

The Italo – Libyan Joint Cooperation Committee convened in Tripoli on June, 4-5, 2022, for its first meeting of 2022, co-chaired, for the Libyan side, by Major General Abdulbaset JAREID, Chief of the Air Defense of the Libyan Army, and for the Italian side, by Brigadier General Alessandro GRASSANO, Deputy Chief of the 3rd Department of the Italian Defense General Staff.

The list of the Libyan and Italian delegations are attached as per Annex 1 and Annex 2.

In his opening remarks, the Libyan co-chair, MG JAREID, welcomed the Italian delegation in Tripoli expressing the best wished for the recently occurred Italian National Day. Moreover, MG JAREID pronounced words of sincere appreciation for the support provided by the Italian Defense to the Libyan Defense in terms of cooperation and education opportunities. In particular, he mentioned the recent medical support in Italy provided in favor of 3 Libyan Officers. He wished, as a result of these Joint Military Committee, a common and shared Cooperation Plan.

In his opening remarks, the Italian co-chair, BG GRASSANO, deeply thanked the Libyan Defense for the outstanding hospitality, underlining the effort provided by both sides to conduct the event in difficult international times. Considering the multiple meetings attended with most of the Libyan representatives and the subsequent built-up friendship, BG GRASSANO expressed frankly his views by highlighting the necessity to improve the Cooperation Plan, currently executed below the expectation.

Gen. JAREID concurred with BG GRASSANO views, confirming the importance to implement the execution of a larger number of the planned activities.

To better depicting the current Cooperation Plan status, the Italian delegation provided a briefing showing numbers and percentage of the activities actually conducted. The briefers, also, mentioned the pending Technical Arrangements (TAs) signature on Special Forces training (to be conducted in ITALY) and Military Health (twinning between MITIGA and CELIO hospital) remarking the importance of finalizing the TAs in order to fully implement the Cooperation Plan in the abovementioned fields.

Gen. JAREID, explaining that the impossibility to conduct some activities was due to late designation of attendees and/or late VISAs release.

The Joint Cooperation Committee unfolded in:

- a. a plenary session, to discuss general issues and to give the co-chairs the opportunity to provide directions and guidance;
- b. five technical tables, to address and discuss specific issues, notably: Heads of Military Coordination Office, Military Health and Legal, Land (Army, Engineer and Special Forces) Maritime (Navy), Air (Air Force and Air Defense), Carabinieri and Border Guard (included Military Intelligence).

The works of the Joint Cooperation Committee followed the ensuing agenda:

- 1- Execution Status and update of the Cooperation Plan 2022 and Education Plan 2021-2022;
- 2- Drafting of the Cooperation Plan 2023 and integration of the Education Plan 2022-2023;
- 3- Pending issues;
- 4- Discussion within the technical tables;
- 5- Education;
- 6- Miscellaneous.

1. Execution Status of the Cooperation Plan 2022 and Education Plan 2021-2022

The 2022 Bilateral Cooperation Plan includes 79 activities, of which 18 (26%) have been carried out as **Annex 3**.

The 2022 Bilateral Education Plan includes 163 positions offered by Italy, of which 47 (29%) have been filled by Libya (**Annex 4**).

Therefore, albeit the implementation of the 2022 Cooperation has been conducted positively, there is still plenty of room to improve.

2. Drafting of the Cooperation Plan 2023 and Integration of the Education Plan 2022-2023

The Cooperation Plan for the 2023 has been drafted, as per **Annex 5**. At the moment it consists in 75 activities, of which 28 in Italy and 37 in Libya. Further adjustments will be defined in the next months through direct contacts between the Representatives of each Delegation and the Military Coordination Office. The Education Plan 2022-23 has been integrated with the newest update, as per **Annex 6**.

Future activities to be included in the Cooperation Plan 2023 related to Misrata should be considered by both Chiefs of Military Cooperation Office and proposed by the following-up Joint Cooperation Committee.

3. Pending issues

The co-chairs addressed this matter directly. They identified the most relevant issues as:

- a. issuing of visas;
- b. legal protection of the Italian military personnel deployed in Libya;
- c. Military Coordination Office implementation.

4. Discussion within the technical tables

a. Special Forces

Pending a TA, some activities are already in progress as per Cooperation Plan 2022.

After the beginning of the Special Forces Plan, the Italian side will consider the additional following Libyan request:

- Sniper training for 15 people;
- Air Hostage Release Operation module for 30 people;
- Military Operations in Urban Terrain training and Close Quarter Battle training for 30 people;
- Rural environment warfare for 30 people;
- Static line for 35 people and Military Free Fall for 15 people (tot. 20 officers and 30 operators);
- Increase of the number of participants to the Special Forces Plan (up to 50 operators commencing from the 2nd group).

b. Military Health

The Cooperation Plan 2022 activities have been confirmed, and the periods of issuing will be subsequently defined. The Cooperation Plan 2023 encompasses 2 activities:

- A dedicated Expert meeting for detailing the further activities once the Technical Arrangement will be signed;
- A Tactical Combat Casualty Care training.

The newly Libyan Legad requested further consideration about the interpretation of the word “twinning” occurring between Mitiga and Celio hospitals. In this regard, the Italian representative, following the interpretation provided by the Libyan Legad, re-proposed the information provided by the literal content. On the sidelines of the meeting, it was clarified that the training of Libyan cardiological surgery personnel (CATLAB)¹ is ongoing. In particular, the Friuli BDE identified the private structure to provide the training for 2 doctors and 2 nurses. The schedule will be formalized by August.

c. Mitiga and Celio Hospitals Twinning Technical Arrangement

In regards of the official Technical Arrangement sent via Verbal Note, the Libyan part stated that the document has been analyzed and that an official reply, with additional modifications, will be sent early.

d. Intelligence

During the discussion, since the “*counter terrorism course*” is not matching the Libyan requirements, both parties agreed to replace it with a new bunch of tailored training/education activities issued by Carabinieri (already included in Cooperation and Education Plans 2022). Moreover, some of the abovementioned activities will be provided in an advanced form in 2023. The Libyan side underlined the need to keep having Italian Language courses also in Libya through Miasit.

e. Border Guard

The Italian side communicated the intent to perform the planned visit of Subject Matter Experts in Tripoli by Carabinieri at the end of June for the acquisition of the required information for the following-up training activities for 2022.

The Italian side underlined that the “Training in border control with drones” will be executed by small range drones tailored for urban areas recce.

Both sides agreed to consider the repetition of a topography basic course also in 2023 to be performed by MIASIT.

The following additional request issue by the Libyan side will be considered by the next Joint Cooperation Committee:

- Training for current operation officers in Italy;
- Training for border guard platoon leaders in Italy;
- Training for border guard observation posts/guardscheck operators in Libya;
- Training for first aid and international humanitarian law in Libya;
- Training for border guard database management operators.

f. Land Table

Battalion-level training (LY/ARMY/04) has to be subordinated to the execution of IT/ARMY/03 (on job training for Infantry Battalion Cdrs).

The Libyan side stressed on the importance to have leadership courses for the Commanders’ at all levels (from Squad to Battalion). The Italian side confirmed the commitment for the A.Y. 2022-23, considering to reiterate the IT/ARMY/03 activity also in 2023 joint with the *ad hoc* course for Squad-Company Cdrs in the A.Y. 2023-24 (included personnel coming from Special Forces and Military Engineers).

¹ Catheterization laboratory.

The Libyan side underlined that all the firing trainings cannot be conducted in the Libyan territory, therefore the Italian side confirmed that the firing training might be conducted in Italy, upon a dedicated TA.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the Libyan Air Force representative pointed out the interest for transition and training courses of LYAF rotary wing pilots (nr. 8-9). Such an option would be further investigated by the Italian Side, upon a dedicated TA.

g. Maritime Table

Both parties agreed to carry out all the remaining activities of the Cooperation Plan 2022 by the end of the year. Moreover, both parties agreed on the need of the Libyan side to receive the invitation with a minimum of 3 months in advance, due to internal procedures. Moreover, both parties decided to strengthen the cooperation in the field of integrated logistic support and procedures.

h. Air Force and Air Defence Table

Both parties agreed to carry out all the remaining activities of the Cooperation Plan 2022 by the end of the year. The Cooperation Plan 2023 will be possibly integrated with more activities during next Joint Cooperation Committee meeting, in accordance with the outcome of 2022 activities.

The Parties discussed the possible content of a Technical Arrangement related to training of Libyan Air Force (LYAF) pilots in Italy. Libyan side confirmed its interest for an Arrangement covering refresher courses, transition courses and training of LYAF pilots, up to Phase 2. In this context, both sides agreed upon continuing the Staff activity in order to investigate more in detail this topic and to exchange the relevant information.

i. Legal

The Italian and the Libyan representatives discussed various issues and namely:

- The Technical Arrangement of the Military Coordination Office:

The Italian Legad communicated to the Libyan representative that the request of creating a Coordination Office in Tripoli came from the Libyan chair of the Italo-Libyan Cooperation Committee. After a detailed explanation of the possible amendments to the document, the Italian Legad asked about the political decision from the Libyan side. The Libyan representative reported that, pending the relevant need to stabilize the political internal framework, it is necessary to suspend any further discussion on the implementation of the Military Coordination Office. The statement of intent was to wait until the Libyan Political Authorities will grant approval to the project that has been politically appreciated and just temporarily suspended.

- Visas:

The Italian representative recalled that the Italian Government granted free visas for Libyan attendees at education programs in Italy and that, currently, the Italian side is waiting for the political decisions to extend the same privileges to all Libyan personnel involved in the cooperation at Joint Cooperation Committee level.

- Verbal Notes:

The Italian Legad reiterated to his Counterpart the Italian request to the Libyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sign up, to commence the negotiation or, at least, to release a feedback about the Verbal Notes concerning the juridical protection, submitted through diplomatic channel on last August 2020. The Italian Legad representative strongly renewed his point about the high importance of formalizing the Verbal Notes that can be modified and amended with the Libyan requirements, on a reciprocal basis principle.

5. Education

a. A.Y. 2021-22:

- SME 72 (Military First-Aid course): both sides agreed on the opportunity to retrieve the abovementioned course (planned in the time April-May 2022 and not fulfilled yet) during the A.Y. 2021-22.

b. A.Y. 2022-23:

- Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers academies: the Libyan side grants to send 7 Navy Petty Officers and 8 Officer cadets (4 for the Army Academy, 2 for the Naval Academy and 2 for the Air Force Academy) to the Italian preliminary language course at the Aviation English Education Center in Loreto within the following weeks, in order to guarantee them the fulfill of the required language skills for their academic studies. Both sides agreed on the opportunity to extend the abovementioned courses until the 2023 (not over August 2023) in order to allow the entrance to the academies by September 2023.
- Air Force Cadet Officer Ali HOUSSEN (Air Defense): both sides agreed that abovementioned cadet will repeat the 1st Year at the Air Force Academy in Pozzuoli from September 2023. During the previous summertime, he will be readdressed to a complementary Italian language course held at the Aviation English Education Center in Loreto.
- SMA 60 (General and Aeronautic Meteorology): both sides agreed on the opportunity to issue a preliminary Italian language course during the A.Y. 2022-23 in favor of the 2 attendees already planned for the SMA 60 course.
- SMM 12 (Vocational Refresher and training course for Sergeant of the Engine departments: Engineers): both sides agreed to add the course in the A.Y. 2022-23 as preliminary education for the scheduled endothermic engines courses SMM 24 and SMM 25.

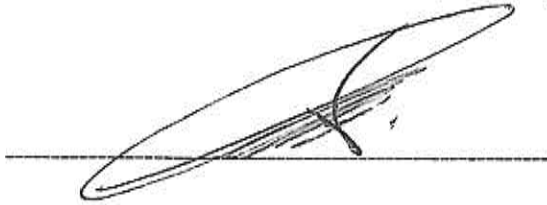
c. A.Y. 2023-24:

- Cyber Defense Education: the Italian side agreed to deliver the below mentioned *ad hoc* courses in the field of the Cyber Defense, held at the Italian Armed Forces School of Telecommunication:
 - IT security course;
 - Cyber fundamentals course;
 - Vulnerability assessment (SMD 14).
- Carabinieri: on request of the Libyan side, Carabinieri will consider to issue an *ad hoc* course in the field of “negotiation and counter-terrorism crisis management” (for no more than 12 attendees at Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units in Vicenza).
- Ad hoc Italian Language Courses: on Libyan side request, Italian Defense will evaluate to issue additional Italian language courses in favor of the Libyan personnel (for no more than 10 attendees) who already attended Italian courses delivered in Libya.
- Ad hoc Italian Language Course for BN Commanders: the Libyan side requested to issue the mentioned course in similarity to the previous A.Y..
- Ad hoc course on leadership Technical-Tactical Procedures (TTPs) for infantry Coy Commanders, Plt and Sqd leaders: the Libyan side requested to issue the mentioned course in similarity to the previous A.Y..
- Military First-Aid Instructor course: the Italian side offered to issue the abovementioned activity, which details will be defined in Italy, pending a Technical Arrangement approval.

- Single Service Officers Staff course: the Libyan side requested the possibility to take part in the abovementioned courses, in particular for the Army Officers (priority can be considered in favor of former Italian Academies attendees).
- SME 84 (Topography - Land navigation): the Libyan side requested the course to be issued by A.Y. 2023-24.

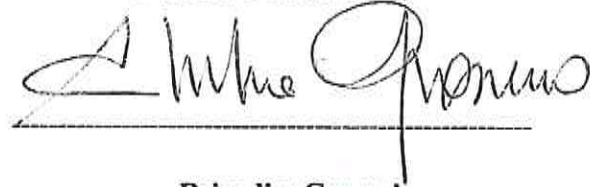
Signed in Tripoli on June, 5th, 2022

The Libyan Co-Chair
(Chief of the Air Defense of the Libyan Army)



**Major General
Abdulbaset JAREID**

The Italian Co-Chair
(Deputy Chief of the 3rd Department of the Italian
Defense General Staff)



**Brigadier General
Alessandro GRASSANO**



ANNEX 1

LIBYAN DELEGATION

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	NAME	POSITION
1	Major General Abdulbast Abdulalam JAREID	Chief of Air Defense Chief of the Libyan Delegation
2	General Abdulmenam Abdulbaset ESSABRI	Army Representative
3	General Alhadi Mohamed DAKHEEL	Border Guard Representative
4	Commodore Abdurhman Mohamed ELBAROUNI	Navy Representative
5	General Alhashmi Albahloul BELHAJ	Military Coordination Office – Air Defense Representative
6	General Mustafa Bashir BEN RASHED	Training Department Representative
7	Colonel Amr Emhamed MUSSA	Ministry of Defense Representative
8	Colonel Mohsen Mahfoud KHALIL	Air Force Representative
9	Colonel Doctor. Hussin Mohamed ALLEBAD	Military Intelligence Representative
10	Lieutenant Colonel Aimen SALMAN	Military Health Department Representative
11	Mr. Fathi DARHOBI	Legal Advisor
Subject Matter Experts		
1	General Mohamed ASSADDAI	SOF Representative
2	General Abdulzarak Almabruk IDRIS	Military Engineering Representative

ANNEX 2

ITALIAN DELEGATION

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	NAME	POSITION
1	Brigadier General Alessandro GRASSANO	Deputy Chief of the III Department of the Italian Defence General Staff Chief of Italian Delegation
2	Rear Admiral Placido TORRESI	COM MIASIT
3	Commander Mauro MIRETTI	Branch for the Balkans - Mediterranean Area of the International Relations Office
4	Lieutenant Colonel Mauro ROMANO	Branch for Technical Military Cooperation of the International Relations Office
5	Cap. Alfredo CARBONI	
6	Captain (Navy) Paolo SPINA	Military Attaché in Tripoli
7	Colonel Sebastiano LA PISCOPIA	Legal Advisor
8	Captain (Navy) Francesco MARINO	Joint Operational Head Quarters J3 Division
9	Major Silvia GRECO	
10	Lieutenant Colonel Davide CASTORINA	Army Representative
11	Commander Andrea CRUCITTI	Navy Representative
12	Lieutenant Colonel Christian BERBEGLIA	Air Force Representative
13	Major Vincenzo CARPINO	Carabinieri Representative
14	Lieutenant Colonel Antonio FUSCO	Special OPS Representative