

Libya Stabilization Group

Over the past decades, several international and regional committees as well as groups had been established, attempting to resolve Libyan Affairs. The mission of all these committees and groups was to support Libyan stabilization. Unfortunately, all these entities were not able to achieve their aspired goals. Therefore, The Libyan Government of National Unity has decided to take matters into its own hands and initiate the Libya Stabilization Group. This is a group created by the Libyan Government of National Unity under Libyan Chairmanship with the following members and mission:

Members:

This Libya Stabilization Group comprises of the following members:

- Libya, Chairman
- Head of United Nations Support Mission in Libya
- Permanent and Non-permanent Members of UN Security Council
- Secretary-General of Arab League
- Chairperson of African Union
- Participating members of the Berlin conference as well as other allies (e.g. Morocco, Qatar)

The Libya Stabilization Group meets at Foreign Ministerial level (or representatives thereof) on a regular basis as agreed by its members in any its members' headquarters i.e., Cairo, Addis Ababa, New York, Geneva, Morocco or Saudi Arabia.

Mission:

- Provide the support and resources required by Libyan Government of National Unity to implement the Libya Stabilization Initiative, applying international and regional mechanisms.
- Provide the support and resources required by the Libyan Government of National Unity to implement UN Resolutions 2570/71 and conclusions of Berlin Conferences 1 & 2, applying international and regional mechanisms.

- Ensure Libya's capability to safely hold free, inclusive and transparent elections on December 24th 2021, and maintain a peaceful transfer of power thereafter.

Libya Stabilization Initiative

Prompted by the enormous support demonstrated by allies and partners towards Libya, and in an effort to coordinate this support in line with Libya's needs as well as priorities, the Government of National Unity through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation launches the Libya Stabilization Initiative. The initiative is created by the Government of National Unity with the immediate aim of stabilizing Libya, paving the way for peaceful, transparent and fair general national elections. It is a Libyan originated Initiative, which seeks to implement the United Nations Resolutions 2570 and 2571 in addition to the conclusions of Berlin Conferences 1 and 2 on Libya. Most importantly however, the ultimate aim of the Libya Stabilization Initiative is to reinstate Libyan sovereignty and promote Libyan national interests, which in turn will benefit all countries in the region and beyond.

The Libya Stabilization Initiative consists of two main tracks, a Security Track and an Economic Track.

I. Security Track:

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing Libya today, especially as it advances towards general national elections, is the lack of a strong sovereign security sector. The stabilization of Libya will never be fulfilled without steady, balanced and long-lasting security. This can be achieved, with the support of Libya's partners and allies through the following:

- Unification of the Libyan Army under one civil command upholding Libyan sovereignty.
- Re-integration of Libyan Military groups (militias), which will inevitably result in their disarmament.
- Partial withdrawal of mercenaries and foreign forces, whose continued presence prevents the reintegration of Libyan militias and create a threat not only to Libya but the whole region.

- Secure Libyan borders to prevent illegal cross-border smuggling of weapons, fighters as well as human trafficking and allow for legal processing of refugees in a way which upholds their dignity and human rights.
- Establish an international committee from member countries of the Berlin Conference on Libya to monitor the cease-fire.
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II. Economic Track:

Another major challenge standing in the way of achieving Libyan national stability is the long-lasting economic stagnation. Despite the abundance in national resources, the Libyan people have been struggling economically for over a decade with no prospects of relief. Economic stability can be achieved, with support of Libya's partners and allies through the following:

- Reunification of Libyan Central Bank and all financial institutions.
- Forming new Director and Board of Directors for the National Oil Corporation according to law.
- Partial Unfreezing of Libyan assets abroad. These partially unfrozen assets will be transferred directly to various companies within the countries in which the assets are frozen, to execute desperately needed rebuilding and reform projects in Libya.

Impose International Sanctions against Spoilers

Over the past years, and after several well-intended initiatives to help and support Libya have sadly failed, it has become clear that there continues to be a persistent effort to spoil any political progress in Libya. These spoilers usually hold their own limited interest as their priority. Hence in order to guarantee the success of the Libya Stabilization Initiative it is absolutely vital that Libya's allies and partners help hold these spoilers accountable by effectively reprimanding and penalizing them. These spoilers include:

- Spoilers who sell arms and other military equipment to Libyan military groups (militias).
- Spoilers who stand in the way of unifying the Libyan financial institutions and block their transparency.
- Spoilers who denounce the Libyan Political Agreement and aim to obstruct the upcoming general national elections.
- Spoilers who incite hate and instigate aggression amongst Libyans through media outlets stationed abroad.

In conclusion, the above detailed Libya Stabilization Initiative, created by the Government of National Unity after 3 months of hard work on the ground, is without a doubt a long-term project. As previously mentioned, its immediate plan is to implement the UN resolutions 2570/71, the conclusions of Berlin Conference 1&2 and lay the groundwork for the upcoming general national elections. Elections, which are transparent and fair and in which every Libyan feels free to choose his/her representative. Elections, which are recognized by all Libyans, with results accepted by all Libyans, avoiding yet another civil war. The supreme goal of the Libya Stabilization Initiative is however, to reestablish and consolidate Libyan sovereignty. Only a sovereign and stable Libya can determine how best to serve and achieve Libya's national interest. Only a sovereign and stable Libya can be a positive contributor to Libya's allies and a reliable partner.