

Public Statement

After meeting on 27 March with the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Libya, M. Ghassan Salamé, the State Minister for IDP Affairs M. Youssef Jalala, as well as with the head of the Tawergha Local Council M. Abdelrahmane Al-Shakshak, the member of the Tawergha Local Council M. Abulnabie Abuaraba, and the member of Misrata Municipality M. Ali Abusitta, the Technical Committee of the project “Towards National Reconciliation in Libya”, implemented by the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), along with the representatives of Tawergha and Misrata present in this discussion, agreed on the following points:

1. Comply with the Agreement signed on 31 August 2016 between Tawergha and Misrata on the return of Displaced Persons and Compensation for those Affected, and support its implementation.
2. Request the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord to implement the security measures, actions and arrangements provided for in the Agreement, and to commit to facilitating and securing the return.
3. Request the authorities concerned with implementing this Agreement to prevent its political instrumentalization or exploitation.
4. Emphasize the importance of community and youth initiatives, in particular, in facilitating the implementation of this Agreement.
5. Stress that the Tawergha/Misrata file is a national affair that requires intensified and sincere efforts to address it.
6. Call on UNSMIL to:
 - (1) Continue sponsoring this Agreement and assist in its full implementation;
 - (2) Directly monitor the implementation of the Agreement on the ground, and address any violations by spoilers.
 - (3) Continue building confidence among the parties.
 - (4) Encourage the authorities and individuals who are blocking the return of the displaced person to support the Agreement and assume their historical and legal responsibility.
 - (5) Provide the humanitarian aid required for the implementation of this Agreement.
7. Request the Follow-up Committee for the Implementation of the Tawergha / Misrata Agreement, which is formed under Presidency Council Decree No. 1423 (2017), to reach out to the public and the media in a transparent and fair manner, in order to avoid further fuelling divisions and exploiting the situation.

8. Call on the people of Misrata - and we are confident that they will - to prioritize the supreme interest of the nation, to seek unity and harmony towards a comprehensive national reconciliation in Libya, and to restore stability across the country.