Chairman’s report pursuant to paragraph 24 (e) of

1. In accordance with paragraph 24 (e) of Security Council resolution 1970 (2011) of 26 February 2011, I have the honour to report to the Security Council on the work of the Committee established by the same resolution.

2. The mandate of this Committee, first set out in resolution 1970, was subsequently expanded by resolution 1973 (2011) of 17 March 2011 to also apply to the measures decided in that resolution. Broadly speaking, the Committee’s tasks include overseeing the arms embargo, travel ban, assets freeze, and ban on flights of Libyan aircraft. Currently, there are 18 individuals designated as subject to the travel ban, and 13 individuals and 5 entities designated as subject to the assets freeze.

3. Since the adoption of the two resolutions, the Committee has met twice, in informal consultations followed by a formal meeting, to conduct its work. Moreover, prior to its first meeting the Committee considered and approved, on an expedited basis, an urgent request for an exemption to the aforementioned ban on flights, in accordance with paragraph 17 of resolution 1973, to allow a Member State to evacuate its nationals from Libyan territory using a Libyan company-owned aircraft.

4. After briefly discussing several proposals in informal consultations on 25 March, the members of the Committee agreed to adopt these proposals in a formal meeting immediately afterwards. Thus, at its 1st meeting, the Committee adopted Provisional Guidelines for the Conduct of its Work, prepared in accordance with paragraph 24 (d) of resolution 1970. It approved a note verbale which contained a reminder to all Member States to report to the Committee on the implementation of paragraphs 9, 10, 15 and 17 of resolution 1970 (2011) regarding the arms embargo, the travel ban and the assets freeze within 120 days of the adoption of the resolution – i.e., by 26 June 2011 – pursuant to paragraph 25 of the same resolution. The Committee also approved an update to its list of individuals and entities. Finally, it agreed to the issuance of a press release on its work. All of these documents will be made available on the Committee’s web site.

5. In addition, in the prior consultations, under “Other Matters”, the members of the Committee were alerted to forthcoming proposals on additional designations by members of the Committee. They also heard a brief update from the Secretariat on the status of recruitment of the Panel of Experts established by resolution 1973. Members of the Committee inquired about the composition of the Panel and recalled that resolution 1973 establishes a group of up to eight experts. Following a preliminary discussion of a query received from a Member State on the scope of the assets freeze, the members of the Committee agreed to consider a draft reply under the written no-objection procedure. An urgent request for guidance from another Member State, that involves providing
clarification as to whether the assets freeze applies to the subsidiary of a designated entity, is also under consideration.

6. In terms of the Committee’s future work, Mr. President, I have already mentioned the proposals on additional designations. Consistent with Security Council resolution 1699 (2006), the members of the Committee have also agreed to invite a representative of INTERPOL to brief the Committee, in a future meeting, on the tools/mechanisms available for cooperation between the two bodies.

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