While some progress has been achieved since the signing of the Libyan Political Agreement, Libya remains fragmented and is facing significant political, security, economic and humanitarian challenges. Nevertheless, there is a clear window of opportunity to resolve the crisis. Recent developments and renewed high-level international engagement have intensified calls by Member States on the United Nations to reassert its central role in the mediation and facilitation of an inclusive solution to the Libyan crisis, both through the engagement of the Secretary-General and that of his Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), Mr. Ghassan Salamé.

Against this backdrop, the Secretary-General is hosting a high-level event to launch and garner support for a United Nations strategy and action plan on Libya. The event will serve to highlight Libya as a top priority for the Organization and the Secretary-General. The strategy that will be presented is based on extensive consultations by Special Representative Salamé with Libyan and international stakeholders for the resumption of a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process. The event will note progress made; mobilize greater collaboration amongst Member States and regional organizations and seek to forge political commitment for a sustainable solution to the Libyan crisis; enhance international coordination in support of Libyan institutions in the areas of security, humanitarian assistance and socio-economic development.

The high-level event will bring together Heads of State and Government and heads of key regional and sub-regional organizations. The high-level meeting will conclude with a Chairman’s statement that will, inter alia:

- Reflect support for the United Nations strategy and action plan on Libya, which will focus on putting Libyans first while ensuring a coherent and integrated approach to mandate delivery.
- Recall the importance of the United Nations central role in facilitating a Libyan-owned political dialogue with a view to establishing an inclusive government and building stability, security, and national unity.
- Strongly call on the United Nations to play the bridging role in harmonizing initiatives by neighboring countries, regional and international actors and organizations, including the African Union, the European Union and the League of Arab States.

Programme:

- Opening remarks by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres
- Remarks by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya, Mr. Ghassan Salamé
- Remarks by the Prime Minister and President of the Presidency Council of the Government of National Accord of Libya, H.E. Mr. Faiez Serraj
- Statements by Heads of State and Government, and organizations.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Translation in all official languages of the United Nations will be provided.
Attending Member States will be allocated two seats (principal plus one). To confirm their participation attending Member States should pick-up secondary protocol passes for the event on Monday, 18 September, at the Department of Political Affairs, Secretariat Building room S-2275 (22nd floor).

Member States and organizations are invited to submit statements, as the speaker list for statements from the floor will be limited.