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USFMEP Condemns the Ongoing Violence in Libya and Supports the United Nation's Enforcement of a No-Fly Zone

New York, NY, March 18, 2011 - United Federation for Middle East Peace ("USFMEP") condemns the ongoing violence in Libya. We applaud the United Nations' resolution adopted to address the conflict but hope that the conflict can be resolved without military intervention from the international community.

"We are horrified by the violence that has already occurred in Libya and are optimistic that a peaceful resolution will ensue without further bloodshed," USFMEP President Sally Kader said.

At a meeting on Thursday, March 17, the United Nations approved a joint resolution from the United States, Britain, and Lebanon. The resolution established a no-fly zone, strengthened an arms embargo against Tripoli, and reinforced a freeze on the financial assets of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and his aides. Several United Nations members, including France and the United Kingdom, have expressed their willingness to use military force against Qaddafi almost immediately.

Since protests began in mid-February, civilians have been subjected to disproportionate violence from government forces. Now, Qaddafi has sworn to get revenge against the rebels if the United Nations intervenes.

USFMEP President and staff call on Qaddafi to honor the demands of the international community and cease all violence against his citizens. "Colonel Qaddafi must respect his citizens," President Kader adamantly insisted. "He must not punish his citizens for defending their human rights."

President Kader added, "The Libyan people have the right to protest peacefully without suffering violence from their government. They have the right as human beings to freedom of speech, dignity, peace and security."

USFMEP President and staff pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. We fully support the people of Libya and hope that the new UN resolution can quell the violence in the region.

Based at the United Nations in New York, USFMEP's primary mission is to promote UN Principles and advocate for international peace and justice. As an organization that is perpetually interested in the affairs of the Middle East and North Africa and the establishment of peace in the region, USFMEP fervently hopes for a peaceful conclusion to all of the conflicts currently plaguing the area.

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