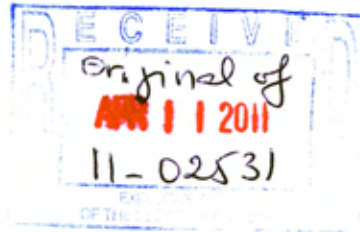


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Secretary General



St. Julians, 22 March 2011

Excellency,

I have the honor and the privilege to express the full support of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) to the crucial decisions taken by the United Nations to promote Human Rights, peace and stability in the South of the Mediterranean, in such historical times for the region.

As a Permanent Observer to the United Nations General Assembly, PAM is entirely committed to the promotion of democracy in line with UN values and principles. PAM welcomes the UN Resolution 1973 on the situation in Libya, adopted by the Security Council on 17 March 2011, and is mobilized to assist you in achieving peace and stability. Our unique diplomatic network in the region, as well as the logistic means provided by our Secretariat in Malta, are at your entire disposal, should it be necessary to the success of your action, notably in view of providing the humanitarian assistance to the Libyan and Mediterranean peoples.

As you are aware, our Assembly has immediately mobilized its dedicated network of parliamentary diplomacy in the region to support the democratic political transformation in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. A high level PAM delegation, including Members of the French and Turkish Parliament, was the first Mediterranean parliamentary mission to Tunisia on 13 and 14 March 2011. High level consultations were held with the President of the Republic of Tunisia, H.E. Mr. Mebazaa, the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, as well as with parliamentarians and civil society representatives.

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Discussions focussed on the constitutional reform process and the regional context, and PAM expressed its readiness to contribute to the democratic process, notably through its participation in monitoring of the forthcoming elections. To facilitate the complementarity and the cross-fertilization of our efforts, PAM will be at the entire disposal of UNDP's Electoral Assistance Division, should its help be useful, prior to the elections or through the mobilization of its network on the field.

Please note also that our Assembly is also planning a field mission to Cairo in the coming weeks to bring all the assistance required to the democratic transition, as I discussed in detail with the Secretary General of the Arab League, H.E. Mr. Amr Moussa.

Our Secretariat is fully mobilized to assist the United Nations initiatives to face the dramatic events unfolding in Libya, as illustrated by our support to the UN high level mission to Libya in his way from Libya to Egypt. On 16 and 17 March, I held meetings with your Special Envoy for Libya, H.E. Abdel Elah Al Khatib, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. Taye-Brook Zerihoun, and Mr. Rashid Khalikov, Director of OCHA, Geneva, and Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya. These allowed for an in-depth review of the recent developments and of the best scenarios to make sure that the democratic aspirations of the Libyan people are satisfied. My Office stands ready to extend its support to future UN missions to the region.

In order to ensure that our actions efficiently reach the citizen of the region, I will closely coordinate PAM initiatives with UN Secretariat, with whom I am in close contact to follow this very critical and unpredictable situation. I am deeply convinced that our joint efforts in fulfilling our duty in the region will help to foster democratic values and peace, for the good of the peoples of Libya and of the whole region.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

with best personal regards

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Dr. Sergio Piazzi