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Country/ entity	Libya
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Humanitarian Appeal for Benghazi
Date	16 Mar 2016
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict (Libyan Conflicts (1969 - 1994) (2011 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Libyan local processes
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Third parties	-

Description A Pre-pre-negotiation document establishing a common position among Civil Society Organisations in Benghazi, highlighting the importance of adhering to International Law, acquiring humanitarian aid for those in need, urging the importance of the right of return for Internally Displaced Persons; and working within the confines of Islam, among other matters.

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Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, 2) record that: • over half the population of Benghazi are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, especially women, children, and people with special needs; Page 1, 5) believe that providing education for all Benghazi’s children and youth is critical if we are not to lose a whole generation;
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/ displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1, 2) record that: ... • thousands of displaced persons have found shelter throughout the country and abroad; families are unable to return to their homes because of the war, or have found them uninhabitable because of damage, mines or unexploded ordinance (UXO); people are living in conditions of utter depredation and are in urgent need of assistance, above all, healthcare and shelter;</p> <p>Page 1, 3) stress the right of return for these displaced people to their city and homes in the shortest possible time;</p> <p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive</p> <p>Page 2, 3. As citizens of Benghazi, we call upon international humanitarian actors to: ... 2) increase and improve immediate assistance to populations in need, including the restoration of electricity to the city, the clearance of all UXO and mines to allow the safe return of those displaced, the provision of medical care to the population, and the provision of all forms of urgent assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) throughout the country;</p>
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 1, 1. We, the sons and daughters of Benghazi, protectors of the nation and its unity, coming from diverse backgrounds and sharing the common goal of saving our city and its population, unite behind this Humanitarian Appeal. We solemnly adopt this Appeal and:</p> <p>Page 1, 2) record that: • over half the population of Benghazi are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, especially women, children, and people with special needs;</p>
Men and boys	<p>Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording</p> <p>Page 1, 1. We, the sons and daughters of Benghazi, protectors of the nation and its unity, coming from diverse backgrounds and sharing the common goal of saving our city and its population, unite behind this Humanitarian Appeal. We solemnly adopt this Appeal and:</p>
LGBTI	No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/ secession No specific mention.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	<p>Page 1, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to:</p> <p>... 3) respect the role played by the Libyan Red Crescent, municipal council, Benghazi Crisis Committees, and other Libyan Civil Society Organizations in providing humanitarian assistance;</p> <p>Page 2, 3. As citizens of Benghazi, we call upon international humanitarian actors to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) provide life-saving humanitarian assistance without preconditions, discrimination or delay;2) increase and improve immediate assistance to populations in need, including the restoration of electricity to the city, the clearance of all UXO and mines to allow the safe return of those displaced, the provision of medical care to the population, and the provision of all forms of urgent assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) throughout the country;3) work in all areas affected by military operations to establish the conditions and agreements for the terms of this declaration to be effective;4) coordinate to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs; and,5) ensure that there is an urgent response to these critical needs.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, 7) condemn violations of IHL and Human Rights, particularly any targeting of civilians, residential areas, and vital civil infrastructure, inter alia hospitals, educational establishments and electricity plants; and

Page 1, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to:
1) respect IHL and Human Rights, and remain loyal the principles of Islam and the values of coexistence;

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	<p>Page 1, 6) demand that humanitarian assistance is not politicized and that all actors provide humanitarian assistance without discrimination in accordance with International Humanitarian Law (IHL);</p> <p>Page 2, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to: ... 4) establish the conditions under which humanitarian assistance may be provided safely to all the civilian population, in accordance with IHL;</p>
Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other</p> <p>Page 1, 3) stress the right of return for these displaced people to their city and homes in the shortest possible time;</p>
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or No specific mention.
international
human
rights
institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal No specific mention.
justice and
emergency
law

State of No specific mention.
emergency
provisions

Judiciary No specific mention.
and courts

Prisons and No specific mention.
detention

Traditional No specific mention.
Laws

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
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Page 2, 3. As citizens of Benghazi, we call upon international humanitarian actors to:

- 1) provide life-saving humanitarian assistance without preconditions, discrimination or delay;
- 2) increase and improve immediate assistance to populations in need, including the restoration of electricity to the city, the clearance of all UXO and mines to allow the safe return of those displaced, the provision of medical care to the population, and the provision of all forms of urgent assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) throughout the country;
- 3) work in all areas affected by military operations to establish the conditions and agreements for the terms of this declaration to be effective;
- 4) coordinate to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs; and,
- 5) ensure that there is an urgent response to these critical needs.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 1, 4) request the relevant Libyan authorities to undertake all efforts to facilitate the reconstruction of the city and provide compensation to those civilians adversely affected by the conflict;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds	Page 2, 3. As citizens of Benghazi, we call upon international humanitarian actors to: 1) provide life-saving humanitarian assistance without preconditions, discrimination or delay; 2) increase and improve immediate assistance to populations in need, including the restoration of electricity to the city, the clearance of all UXO and mines to allow the safe return of those displaced, the provision of medical care to the population, and the provision of all forms of urgent assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) throughout the country; 3) work in all areas affected by military operations to establish the conditions and agreements for the terms of this declaration to be effective; 4) coordinate to respond to the urgent humanitarian needs; and, 5) ensure that there is an urgent response to these critical needs.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible Page 1, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to: 1) respect IHL and Human Rights, and remain loyal the principles of Islam and the values of coexistence;
Environment	No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Page 1, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to:
... 2) avoid collateral damage induced by the war and fighting;

Page 2, 2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to:
... 5) provide security guarantees for humanitarian workers;

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 2, 3. As citizens of Benghazi, we call upon international humanitarian actors to:
... 3) work in all areas affected by military operations to establish the conditions and agreements for the terms of this declaration to be effective;

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal
of foreign
forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/
organised
crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional
justice
general

2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to:
... 7) establish a system of transitional justice, adapted to the Libyan context, which will help heal the wounds of the victims of the conflict and facilitate social reconciliation and a return to stability.

Amnesty/
pardon

No specific mention.

Courts

No specific mention.

Mechanism

No specific mention.

Prisoner
release

No specific mention.

Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to: ... 7) establish a system of transitional justice, adapted to the Libyan context, which will help heal the wounds of the victims of the conflict and facilitate social reconciliation and a return to stability.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	2. Within the limits of our power and influence, we commit and call upon all others to: ... 7) establish a system of transitional justice, adapted to the Libyan context, which will help heal the wounds of the victims of the conflict and facilitate social reconciliation and a return to stability.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

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