I. Key Messages

1. As hostilities have intensified in the past 24 hours in and around Tripoli, including reports of heavy fighting in densely populated areas, I am concerned about the impact on civilians. I reiterate my call on all parties to comply with international humanitarian law, and to refrain from indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks on civilians. I call on the parties to take all feasible precautions to spare civilians from the effects of the fighting.

2. I am disturbed by reports of forced displacement and prevention of movement in areas where there is fighting. People must be allowed to move freely, including to escape the violence and to seek medical assistance.

3. We must also continue to help people who remain stranded at border points, or who are displaced within Libya - including the nearly 60,000 people living in spontaneous settlements in opposition-controlled areas. IOM is ready to start evacuating Third Country Nationals and wounded people by sea from Tripoli. I thank Member States for ensuring that people fleeing Libya are received in safety and dignity and are granted access to asylum procedures.

4. We need to be able to bring in and replenish relief supplies and provide support to people in need in Tripoli and in the areas where people have fled. We are concerned by reports of shortages of medical supplies and fuel.

5. The Humanitarian Country Team for Libya is now revising the Regional Flash Appeal to reflect the fast-evolving situation on the ground and to meet humanitarian needs identified until the end of the year. The Appeal for US$408 million was launched in May to cover needs from March only until the end of August. Member State support is essential.

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