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The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We share a desire to end the war in Libya as soon as possible and to give the people of Libya a chance to work toward self-determination. However I continue to be concerned that this administration is taking actions contrary to these objectives.

The Libyan people have a right to economic self-determination. A significant portion of the country's income is generated by oil production. If U.S. military intervention in Libya continues to facilitate the direction of revenues from oil production to any entity, it is denying the right of the Libyan people to determine the recipient of the proceeds of the oil production. The Libyan people could very well exercise their right to direct the revenue toward rebuilding the country after the end of the civil war the U.S. is helping to prolong. The administration must not decide the end recipient and use of the oil proceeds; the Libyan people should.

The same is true of the frozen Libyan assets. The members of the Libyan contact group, which includes the Libyan Transitional National Council (TNC), are meeting today in Abu Dhabi to discuss how to legally release assets frozen belonging to the existing Libyan government to the TNC. Attempting to redistribute frozen assets for the purpose of funding the TNC will only serve to prolong the civil war the U.S. has now inserted itself in.

By continuing to choose sides in the war rather than working as a fair broker trying to end it, the administration is perpetuating the war, thereby failing the stated mission to protect Libyan civilians. This approach also undermines the prospects for a peaceful negotiated settlement. As the goal of removing Gaddafi becomes more important than purported goal of protecting civilians in Libya, an immediate ceasefire that facilitates a negotiated settlement is now more critical than ever.

In order to be of assistance to you and the Administration in helping to bring about a peaceful settlement in Libya, I am enclosing a plan which I developed through conversations in the diplomatic community. I hope that you will find it of use.

Finally, I ask that you order the safe keeping and protection of all Libyan assets, including those frozen by the U.S., until such time that the conflict in Libya is over and the country is once again reunited.

Sincerely,

*Dennis J. Kucinich*

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# **The Blueprint for Self-Determination and Peace in Libya**

**Proposed by Congressman Dennis Kucinich**

**June 7, 2011**

## **1. Ceasefire**

All parties to the current conflict must implement an immediate cessation of all hostilities.

a. Following the implementation of a ceasefire, monitors from the African Union (A.U.) and the United Nations (U.N.) will be deployed to ensure compliance with the ceasefire

b. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) must immediately end all military offensives, including the enforcement of a “no fly zone,” air strikes by jets, helicopters and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

c. All covert operations from NATO member nations shall be discontinued.

d. All government and rebel forces, including paramilitary and mercenary forces must withdraw from cities they currently occupy.

## **2. Unfettered Humanitarian Access**

Libyan authorities must immediately allow for unfettered humanitarian access and facilitate the safe, timely delivery of humanitarian assistance to all people in need. Libyan authorities must cooperate and allow for the protection of, and if needed, evacuation of foreign nationals and its African migrant community and workers.

## **3. Dialogue**

The African Union along with the U.N. is to facilitate an inclusive dialogue in implementing a blueprint for self-determination and peace.

## **4. Full Compliance with Pertinent U.N. Security Council Resolutions**

The U.N. must enforce and ensure that all U.N. member states fully comply with the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1970, which established an international arms embargo on Libya;

## **5. Reparations for Civilians Killed or Injured and Their Families**

Payments should be made by all parties to the conflict to any injured non-combatants or families of those non-combatants killed as a result of the current conflict.

## **6. Reforming the Current Government Structure**

Representatives of the Libyan government and the Transitional National Council shall call parties forward to participate in a Constitutional drafting committee, to develop a mechanism to proceed to determine the structure, composition and enactment of a reform government and to select a committee to draft a national constitution.

## **7. Timeline for Reform**

- a. The Constitutional drafting committee shall issue a report on its deliberations.
- b. A referendum shall be held on the newly drafted Constitution, and, once it is adopted, national elections will be held.
- c. The referendum on the Constitution shall be conducted under the auspices of independent international observers from the African Union and the United Nations.
- d. Independent international observers shall be asked to monitor elections.

## **8. Repatriation of Frozen Assets**

All frozen Libyan assets must be returned.

## **9. Natural Resources**

The oil, water and natural gas resources of the State of Libya must be held in public trust for the long-term social and economic security of the people of Libya.

## **10. Protecting and Upholding the Rights of all Libyan Citizens**

All parties and the newly constituted government of Libya shall abide by international law and human rights law. The newly constituted government must ensure fair access to all basic services in Libya.