

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Federal Government of Nigeria has followed closely the developments in Libya and, in particular, the events of the last forty-eight (48) hours. The unmistakable message from the battle for the control of Tripoli and other cities is that the people of Libya are anxious and determined to take their destiny in their own hands and to ensure the realization of their quest for freedom and democracy.

In acknowledging the increased gains made by the Transitional Council of Libya, the Federal Government regrets the sufferings, hardships and needless loss of lives that the struggle has caused the people of Libya.

The Federal Government urges the new leaders in Libya to ensure magnanimity in victory in order to build the foundation for a new and democratic order in the country where respect for human rights and the rule of law would prevail.

Nigeria stands ready to work with the democratic forces in Libya in this transition process.

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