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General Comment

Technical Assistance and Capacity-building to improve Human Rights in Libya

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We warmly thank Burkina Faso, Libya and the Africa Group for their work on Resolution L. 40.

Australia supports the resolution in both its spirit and intention. We do, however, have reservations as to how some sections of the resolution characterise the operation of international humanitarian law.

This is particularly in relation to the wording of OP25. While the use of airstrikes must never be taken lightly, Australia notes that when conducted in accordance with international humanitarian law, they are a legitimate means and method of warfare.

As a traditional co-sponsor of the resolution, and supportive of the efforts in Libya, Australia hopes to be involved in constructive negotiations next year to return to a position of co-sponsorship.