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### **6th Project Steering Committee of the ICT National Capacity Building Project in Libya**

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Professor Mohamed Elferjani Al Husn and  
Distinguished Delegates of GPCHE  
Your Excellency, Mr.El-Qallali  
UNESCO Colleagues

On my very first visit to Libya, I am pleased on behalf of UNESCO to address the sixth Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the ICT National Capacity Building Project in Libya that is under the aegis of UNESCO's Communication & Information Sector.

First let me thank our hosts, the delegates of the General People's Committee for Higher Education and Scientific Research (GPCHE) for inviting UNESCO delegates to Tripoli and hosting this 6<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting. On behalf of the Communication & Information Sector of UNESCO, I trust we will be able to reciprocate your gracious hospitality at the 7<sup>th</sup> PSC Meeting that will be held in the UNESCO premises of Paris.

I would also like to express my appreciation to H.E. Mr. Abdulsalam El-Qallali, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

to UNESCO who continues to work closely with me and CI colleagues in Paris on this project.

As you are aware, this important project that aims to modernize and reform Libya's higher education and scientific research systems and to introduce a harmonized and coordinated information and communication technology program in all Libyan Universities started in 2007. In 2009, it was agreed by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) to shift the project concentration from equipment purchase to professional development. Early 2010 it was also agreed that the project would benefit from the proximity to Libya of the UNESCO Cairo Office, and hence the Director of the UNESCO Cairo Office and his team have become close partners with the CI Sector in implementing this project.

During the signing of the Amendment to the Original Agreement in Paris on 17 September 2010 by Professor Mohamed El Ferjani Al-Husn and myself - he expressed concern about the delay in the execution of this project. You may be aware that I assumed the functions of Assistant Deputy-General of the CI Sector on 1 July 2010. Nevertheless, I assured him of my personal commitment and that of the Director, UNESCO Cairo to

ensure the timely implementation of this project in accordance with its goals.

I am confident that our deliberations during these two days will lead to sound policy guidance that would enhance the success of this project.

In closing, I would like to emphasize and reiterate the CI Sectors' commitment to continuing this extra-budgetary project together with the UNESCO Cairo Office to a successful fruition. I also assure you that all my UNESCO colleagues including those colleagues from the Education and Science Sector nominated by the Director General to serve on the Programme Steering Committee are fully dedicated to achieving a successful completion of the ICT National Capacity Building Project in Libya.

Thank you.