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Following is rough and dirty translation of Arabic language statement issued by TNC on March 30:

"The TNC affirms the Muslim identity of the Libyan people and the TNC's commitment to moderate Muslim norms and values as well as its utter rejection of all extremist ideology and its complete commitment to the combating of extremist ideology under all circumstances, and rejects all claims linking the Al-Qaeda Organization to the Libyan opposition.

We emphasize that the danger of terrorism threatens all nations and there should be no connection with terrorism to any religion, civilization, or ethnic group. We again affirm our strong condemnation of terrorism and our commitment to combat it in all of its forms and manifestations and acts committed by whomever, wherever, or for whatever purposes. We also recognize it as one of the most serious threats to peace and international security.

The TNC underlines its commitment to the full implementation of Security Council resolutions relating to combating terrorism, including resolutions on the Sanctions Committee on al Qaeda and the Taliban and their full commitment to all the measures and sanctions relating to any individual or entity associated with Al Qaeda and the Taliban as designated by the Committee.

The TNC is likewise committed to the implementation of all resolutions adopted by the General Assembly concerning all measures to eliminate international terrorism, including the measures identified in the strategy of the United Nations Global Counterterrorism group and is committed to working with Member States of the United Nations and international and regional organizations on the implementation of the strategy to combat terrorism and to work towards implementation of the strategy to completely eliminate terrorism.

The TNC likewise undertakes to work to strengthen the important role played by the United Nations and its committees and task forces involved in combating terrorism. The TNC will cooperate fully with the United Nations, and will join and comply with all international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism and will work at the legislative and executive levels to adopt and implement the provisions and measures contained therein."