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Note verbale dated 5 November 2026 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General. With regard to the claims that House of Representatives of Libya has ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of National Accord-State of Libya on Delimitation of the Maritime Jurisdiction Areas in the Mediterranean, signed on 27 November 2019, Egypt wishes to note the following:

Egypt reaffirms its clear position in that regard. Egypt rejects the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of National Accord-State of Libya on Delimitation of the Maritime Jurisdiction Areas in the Mediterranean, signed on 27 November 2019, does not recognize it and considers it to be absolutely null and void and devoid of any legal effect, as previously stated in the notes verbales dated 23 December 2019 (A/74/628), 10 April 2023 (A/77/858), 9 April 2024 (A/78/848) and 8 September 2025 (A/80/386) from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General. The purported ratification by the House of Representatives of Libya does not alter the fact that it remains null and void and continues to have no legal effect with respect to Egypt.

Egypt also reaffirms that the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding and any actions arising therefrom violate the principles of the international law of the sea, the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and established practices regarding the delimitation of maritime boundaries.

Egypt reiterates that it rejects both the memorandum of understanding signed on 3 October 2022 by the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Government of National Unity of Libya regarding cooperation in the field of hydrocarbons and the memorandum of understanding concluded on 25 June 2025 by the National Oil Corporation of Libya and the Turkish Petroleum Corporation, and considers them to be null and void and devoid of any legal effect whatsoever, as previously stated in the note verbale dated 8 September 2025 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/80/386, annex).

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It should be noted that Egypt rejects the outer limits that Libya declared in the note verbale dated 27 May 2025 from the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/79/916) and does not recognize them, because they overlap with the western maritime boundaries of Egypt in the Mediterranean Sea. In addition, Egypt objects to the eastern maritime boundaries declared by Libya, including the eastern outer limits of the declared Libyan continental shelf, which lie entirely within the maritime zones of Egypt, in disregard of the sovereign rights of Egypt in its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in the Mediterranean Sea. Egypt emphasizes that any consequences or effects that might arise from the declaration of Libya are unacceptable, as previously stated in the notes verbales from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations dated 9 April 2024 (A/78/848) and 8 September 2025 (A/80/386) addressed to the Secretary-General.

Egypt reiterates that it rejects any measures or actions taken by any party on the basis of the aforementioned memorandums of understanding and declarations by Libya that conflict with the declared maritime boundaries of Egypt, and affirms that it reserves the right to protect its rights that are guaranteed under international law and to resist any attempt to infringe upon them.

Egypt wishes to reaffirm its openness and commitment to cooperate, consult and negotiate with neighbouring States in good faith to reach agreement on the delimitation of maritime boundaries with neighbouring States on the basis of the principles of international law and fair and just solutions in a manner that achieves common interests, while reserving all its rights under international law.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations in New York would be grateful if the present note verbale could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74, and published on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, as well as in the forthcoming edition of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.