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**H.E. Colonel Muammar Qaddafi**  
**Lybian People's Arab Jamahiriya**

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Dear Colonel Qadaffi,

It is with indignation and anger that we learned about the decision of the Court in Tripoli to condemn again to death the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor, accused of having infected 426 children with HIV at the Al-Fateh Hospital in Benghazi in 1998. This repeated verdict, which demonstratively rejects all international expertise made by the world's most prominent HIV experts, destroyed our long-lived hopes for a fair trial and our faith in the impartiality of the Libyan court.

The tragedy of the infected Libyan children and their families is our pain as well. The democratic forces and the trade union movement worldwide participate in the unprecedented mobilization for rendering help to Libya in the struggle with this curse for the world, as is the HIV/AIDS disease. As an organization of the working people we are ready to give our contribution to this struggle in whatever way we can. At the same time we are convinced that the death verdict of six people working in one of the most humane spheres of life – healthcare, won't solve the problems of the Libyan society, on the contrary it will distract the attention from the real measures that have to be undertaken.

As an organization protecting social justice and human rights, we are extremely concerned by the deepening neglect of the fundamental rights of the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor. The repeated death sentence based just on confessions extorted by force and violence, is not an evidence of the democratization of the Libyan state and doesn't contribute to its inclusion into the international democratic community.

Mr. President, we turn to you again with the insistent request to guarantee the observation of the fundamental rights of the six medical workers and for their immediate release.

Respectfully,

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**president of VOST**