Libya ostensibly has both national and international transitional justice processes to address past and ongoing violations, including ongoing national criminal proceedings, a law establishing the Fact Finding and Reconciliation Commission and a case before the International Criminal Court.

To date, however, none of these mechanisms have been able to provide any form of meaningful justice or redress for victims. National proceedings are stalled or continually adjourned. Thousands remain in arbitrary detention, including many for whom legal standards of detention are not met, aggravated by ill treatment, including episodes of torture and death in custody. Overall there remain enormous challenges to a fair, effective and transparent national judicial system. Libya still has to implement the provisions of the Transitional justice law (Law 29/2013) passed in December 2013, including the definition of the mandate of the Fact-Finding and Reconciliation Commission and the appointment of its commissioners. The ICC indictments issued while the revolution was ongoing were an important element in denying authority and legitimacy to those that sought to maintain power through mass atrocities and offered hope that Libyans would one day receive justice and redress. Today, the ICC is not only unable to proceed, without the presence of its one defendant, but it is becoming increasingly irrelevant to the transitional justice discourse in Libya.

This side event is an opportunity for Libyan civil society leaders to discuss the prospects of whether and how the ICC can continue to represent a pivot of the Libyan transition, and what role the Court, the Libyan authorities, other governments and civil society can play to ensure that the expectation of impunity for atrocities does not continue to substitute violence to a peaceful political process, but it is replaced by an expectation and a reality of accountability for human rights violations and redress for victims.

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Interventions from the floor and discussion

Closing remarks by No Peace Without Justice