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Minister, dear Carl,

Thank you for your recent visit to NATO Headquarters. I very much welcomed our exchange of views.

On Libya, you will be aware of the decision taken by the North Atlantic Council on 27 March to broaden NATO's operational engagement to contribute to enforcing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973: in addition to the arms embargo and the no-fly zone, Allies decided that NATO will also enforce all aspects of UNSCR 1973 related to the protection of civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack in Libya. In practice, NATO will within a couple of days take over command and control of all military operations.

As indicated to you when we met, NATO is actively seeking the support and participation of partners in this undertaking. Sweden is a highly valued partner of NATO, therefore I would very much welcome a contribution from Sweden to the NATO-led operation Unified Protector. More specifically, I would like to suggest that you consider providing the following assets: fighter aircraft, reconnaissance and signal intelligence gathering aircraft, and helicopters. In order to further specify a potential offer, I would invite your military authorities to directly contact their counterparts in SHAPE.

I am looking forward to further discussing these issues during my visit in Stockholm on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Anders Fogh Rasmussen

His Excellency
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