

PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA
FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF SUMMARY OF APPEALS CHAMBER DECISION
IN THE CASE OF ABDULLAH AL-SENUSSI OF 24 JULY 2014

The ICC Appeals Chamber today unanimously dismissed Mr. Al-Senussi's appeal against the Pre-Trial Chamber's decision that the ICC case against him is inadmissible because of the national proceedings before the Libyan courts.

Ever since the Libyan people's revolution in February 2011, and the collapse of the Gaddafi regime in August 2011, the Transitional National Council, and subsequently the Government of Libya, have been engaged with the International Criminal Court. Significant efforts have been made to eradicate impunity, and to uphold international obligations, consistent with the complementarity principle, despite difficult transitional circumstances. Invoking its sovereign right to investigate and prosecute international crimes allegedly committed by Abdullah Al-Senussi on its territory, Libya filed its admissibility challenge on 2 April 2013. The Pre-Trial Chamber determined that the case was inadmissible and this has been endorsed unanimously today by the Appeals Chamber.

Libya welcomes the Decision of the Appeals Chamber. Libya will continue to cooperate with the Court to ensure that the prosecutions currently underway are brought to a successful conclusion consistent with the requirements of the Rome Statute.