



STATEMENT ON NATO INTERVENTION IN LIBYA

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The Social Democrats USA, in line with its anti-totalitarian heritage as articulated by such leaders as Max Shachtman, supports the military actions of NATO which led to the establishment and enforcement of the current no fly zone over Libya. We further support NATO actions to target the Qaddafi led military forces on the ground in support of the Free Forces of Libya's democratic revolution. We call on the United States and the rest of the world to follow the example of France and recognize the Libyan National Transitional Council as the legitimate government of Libya thus permitting the council to use Libyan monetary reserves to purchase the military arms and training that it needs to bring the revolution to a successful conclusion. The Social Democrats USA also calls upon the United States and the rest of the world community to support the Libyan people in their struggle for freedom by providing them with both military weapons and training. In line with the principle that the struggle for the liberation of nations must come from the active struggles of those peoples, the Social Democrat USA does not support the introduction of Western ground forces into Libyan struggle. We see our support of the no fly zone and of the provision of arms and training to Libyan revolutionary forces as enabling the self-liberation of the Libyan people.