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Constitutional Amendment No. 1-2012
Amending The Text of Article 30 of the Constitutional Declaration

Upon reviewing the Constitutional Declaration issued on 3 Ramadan 1432 / 3 August 2011, the text of Article 30 of the Constitutional Declaration is amended so that it is as follows:

- The interim National Transitional Council shall be formed in accordance with the text of Article 18 of this Declaration. It shall remain the highest authority in the Libyan nation and the authority for administration of the country until the election of the General National Congress.
- After the declaration of liberation, the interim National Transitional Council shall move to its primary office in Tripoli and form an interim government within a period not exceeding 30 days. Within a period not exceeding 90 days from the declaration of liberation, the Council shall undertake the following:
 - 1- Issuing a law specific to the election of the General National Congress
 - 2- Appointing the High Commission for Elections
 - 3- Calling for election of the General National Congress
- The election of the General National Congress shall be held within a period of 240 days from the declaration of liberation.
- The General National Congress shall be composed of 200 members elected by all the children of the Libyan people in accordance with the law specific to the election of the General National Congress.
- The interim National Transitional Council shall be dissolved upon the first convening of the General National Congress, and all its powers shall be devolved to the General National Congress. The eldest member shall assume chairmanship of the session; the youngest member shall assume the position of secretary of the session. Within this session, elections for the Chair of the Congress and his Deputies shall be held by direct secret vote. The transitional government shall continue to operate until the formation of an interim government. In all cases, decisions of the General National Congress shall require a two-thirds majority.
- The General National Congress shall undertake the following within a period not exceeding thirty days from its first meeting:
 - 1- Appointing a Prime Minister, who shall in turn propose the names in his government so they together may gain the confidence of the General National Congress before starting their work as an interim government. In this fashion, the Congress shall appoint heads of sovereign functions.
 - 2- Choosing a Constituent Assembly from non-members to draft a Constitution for the country. It shall be composed of sixty members along the lines of the sixty-member commission that was formed to prepare the constitution of the independence of Libya in the year 1951. In all instances, decisions of the Constituent Assembly shall be passed by a two-thirds majority of its members plus one member. It shall finish the drafting of the Constitution and adopt this draft in a period not exceeding 120 days from the convening of the Constituent Assembly's first meeting.

- The draft Constitution shall be held to a referendum (by yes or no) within 30 days from the date of its adoption. If the Libyan people approve of the draft Constitution by a two-thirds majority of voters, the Assembly shall ratify the Constitution on behalf of the country and refer it to the Congress for promulgation. If it is not approved, the Assembly shall re-draft it and put it to referendum within a period not exceeding 30 days from the announcement date of the results of the first referendum.

- The General National Congress shall issue a general elections law in accordance with the Constitution within 30 days.

- General elections shall be held within 180 days from the date of issuance of the laws organizing them. The General National Congress and the interim government shall oversee all requirements of the electoral process in a transparent, democratic fashion. The High National Election Commission (which shall be re-established by the General National Congress) shall execute the general elections under the oversight of the national judges and the observance of the United Nations and international and regional organizations.

- The High National Election Commission shall approve and announce the results, and the legislative power shall be called to convene in a period not exceeding 30 days from the date of approval by the General National Congress. In its first session, the General National Congress shall be dissolved and the legislative power shall undertake the performance of its duties.

- The interim National Transitional Council

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