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## **USLBA Hosts Successful Engagement with Libyan Prime Minister**

**Washington D.C.** – On September 23, the U.S.-Libya Business Association <u>hosted a dinner</u> in honor of his H.E. the Prime Minister of Libya, Fayez al-Sarraj in New York City. The dialog focused on the current and future relationship between the U.S. private sector and Libya's governmental institutions.

The engagement was especially timely -- coming at the end of an eventful UNGA week, during which a new plan to advance political reconciliation in Libya was announced. The US government expressed support for the plan a few short hours before the dinner began.

The <u>Libyan delegation</u> -- including H.E. Foreign Minister Mohammed Taher al-Siyala, Senior Political Advisor to the PM Taher al-Sonni, *chargée d'affaires* at the Libyan embassy in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Wafa Bugaighis -- engaged at length with the attending US companies on the current state of play and future business possibilities in their country.

<u>Ten US-based companies</u> participated and were joined by representatives from several other notable organizations engaged in political and economic development in Libya.

Following a reception in honor of the visiting delegation, USLBA <u>Executive Director</u> <u>Jason Pack</u> welcomed our honored guests in their native Arabic, expressing the sense of comradery among our nations. USLBA Chairman Colin Waitt, VP of International Programs at LMI, <u>introduced the Prime Minister</u>, noting that his Excellency's dedication has shown in the service of the Libyan nation.

The Prime Minister <u>offered an upbeat message</u> about the political future of Libya, stressing the progress achieved by the Government of National Accord (GNA) since March 2016. He concluded his remarks by expressing his desire that US companies would join him in Tripoli for a follow-up summit to perpetuate the relationships sparked by the occasion.

The U.S.-Libya Business Association is proud to enhance the connection between our two countries and will continue creating opportunities to foster better understanding and partnerships.

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