



# THE EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF LIBYA

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# Embassy Bulletin

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## Passage of Libya Stabilization Act

Passing the U.S. House of Representatives on November 18th, bill H.R.4644, titled the “Libya Stabilization Act,” promotes U.S. assistance towards the conflict in Libya. Scheduled for a vote in the U.S. Senate, the “Libya Stabilization Act” is one step

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

### H. R. 4644

#### AN ACT

To clarify United States policy toward Libya, advance a diplomatic solution to the conflict in Libya, and support the people of Libya.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

closer to becoming a law in the United States.

In a series of calls with supporting members of the U.S. Congress, Ambassador Bughaighis emphasized that backing from the United States is of utmost importance to finding a lasting solution.

## Ambassador Bughaighis Continues Meetings with U.S. Government Officials

As part of the Embassy’s mission to further engage in productive dialogue with the United States government, Ambassador Bughaighis, along with the Embassy’s Political Section team, continued virtual meetings with senior U.S. officials, ranging from the White House National Security Council, the Pentagon, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Department of State.

Within these meetings, the Ambassador continued to give updates to the situation in Libya, in addition to developments with the ongoing Libyan Political Dialogue Forum and ceasefire agreement.



*The Ambassador met with members of Congress, such as Chairman Ted Deutch of the Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism.*





*Held in November 2020 in Tunisia, the LPDF marks the nation's progress towards unity.*

## Ambassador Continues Engagement with Think Tanks and NGOs

In a series of virtual roundtable discussions, seminars, and one-on-one exchanges, Ambassador Bughaighis and the Embassy's Political Section team partook in beneficial dialogue which was hosted by various Washington, D.C. think tanks and non-governmental organizations. Such organizations included the Meridian International Center, The Heritage Foundation, the National Democratic Institute, and the Middle East Institute. Content of this participation ranged from the effects of COVID-19, the transition in presidential elections, and foreign and security policy. As part of the Embassy's ongoing engagement with think tanks, participation in these events fosters the Embassy's exchange of knowledge and information.

## Ambassador Meets with Economic Institutions

As part of the Embassy's continuous efforts to bolster economic relations between the United States and Libya, Ambassador Bughaighis, along with members of the Embassy's economic team, met with various organizations and institutions from both the public and private sector. These meetings, both virtual and in-person, ranged from participation by the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Libya Business Association, and the World Bank. Discussions with these organizations focused on exchanging views on opportunities for expanding U.S.-Libyan investments, fostering potential partnerships, and supporting the economic track for Libya. Within these meetings, Ambassador Bughaighis stressed the importance of Libya's oil and natural gas sector in regional and international economics, in addition to the country's need for investment in infrastructure, health, and other services for the benefit of the Libyan people. All agreed that in order to promote the economic track in Libya, investments by international corporations, along with government entities, are crucial to this endeavor. Additionally, investments and training for small businesses within Libya were agreed to be a decisive way to stoke the economy from the grassroots.



U.S. Small Business Administration







## Embassy Facilitates the Repatriation of Libyan Nationals

Spanning the week of August 2nd through the 6th, the Embassy organized and facilitated the repatriation of a group of Libyan nationals. Having been stranded due to COVID-19 restrictions, Libyan students and others visiting the United States gathered in Washington, D.C. to return collectively to Tripoli. In coordination with both the Libyan and U.S. government, Embassy staff worked long hours to ensure the safe repatriation of this group of Libyans, who ultimately departed on August 6th for Tripoli.





## Ambassador Participates in Meeting with Ambassador -at-Large Kelley Currie

On August 21, 2020, Ambassador Bughaighis participated in the International Power Group, bringing together Washington, DC's women ambassadors, which took place as a virtual meeting with the U.S. Department of State's Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Kelley Currie.



During this engaging conversation, Ambassador Currie discussed the main objectives of the Trump Administration's "Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative," which seeks to incorporate greater women's involvement in the global economy.



## Ambassador Takes Part in "Her Power" Summit

On October 15, 2020, Ambassador Bughaighis partook as a featured speaker in Foreign Policy's "Her Power" summit, an annual, high-level event bringing women together to discuss issues of economic, political, and social inclusivity.

In a breakout session titled "Women in Diplomacy," the Ambassador discussed the importance of including women in foreign affairs and decision-making positions. In conjunction with Ambassador Floreta Faber of Albania, Ambassador Bughaighis spoke to a small audience of approximately one hundred attendees, touching on her personal experience and providing advice to those interested in foreign diplomacy.



## Ambassador Featured in WFPG's Guide to Women Leaders 2020



In the Women's Foreign Policy Group's Guide to Women Leaders in International Affairs for 2020, Ambassador Bughaighis was featured as one of this year's inspiring women in international affairs. Noted under this year's

"Representatives to the United States," the Ambassador is listed along with other notable women foreign ambassadors who have shaped foreign policy around the world. With 2020 marking the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the WFPG's publication seeks to highlight women leaders who have made a lasting impact locally and globally.