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**Tripoli, 29/11/2007** – UNDP Libya held a press conference yesterday in UN House to announce the launch of the 2007/2008 Human Development Report, entitled *Fighting climate change: Human solidarity in a divided world*.

At the press conference, UNDP Resident Representative, Mr Julio Grieco, highlighted the improved standing of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya within the Human Development Index, rising from the 64<sup>th</sup> position to the 56<sup>th</sup>. This upward shift means that Libya is now the highest ranked country in Africa, and the fifth highest within the Arab world (behind Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain). Further, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has now fallen within the highest of the three possible human development brackets for only the second time since the first Human Development Report was launched in 1990.\*

The Human Development Index is a summary composite index that measures a country's average achievements in three basic aspects of human development: health, knowledge, and a decent standard of living. In the case of Libya, while there has been an improvement in terms of education, the major change has been in the Gross Development Product per capita, which has risen from \$7,570 to \$10,335.

For further information about the Human Development Index, please visit <http://hdr.undp.org/en/>.

\* *The ranking brackets are: High Human Development, Medium Human Development and Low Human Development. Libya was considered a High Human Development Country only in 1998.*

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