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Tunis, 10 July 2017 – The local council of Bani Walid has committed to release, rehabilitate and reintegrate children associated with armed groups. Within the framework of UNICEF’s national campaign ‘Together for Children’, launched in April 2015, Bani Walid is the third municipality in Libya to take the decision of addressing the involvement of children with the armed groups.

“I welcome the decision of Bani Walid Local Council and extend the invitation to all municipalities in Libya to follow suit,” said Dr. Ghassan Khalil, UNICEF Special Representative in Libya.

UNICEF will provide the technical support and the needed expertise to Bani Walid to ensure the success of the initiative in line with child rights standards. On the 10th of July 2017, 25 stakeholders and child protection actors from Bani Walid started a five-day workshop in Tunis to learn about the legal obligations and international mechanisms for the protection of children in armed conflicts. The workshop will focus on child rights-based mechanisms to release, rehabilitate and reintegrate children involved in armed groups.

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