As SRSG Martin indicated in the recommendations submitted to the Secretary-General, the UN’s role in Libya would need to be earned, not just claimed.

UNSMIL’s Mandate and Concept of Operations

UNSMIL’s mandate spans a wide range of tasks, from supporting the democratic transition, including the electoral and constitutional process, to assisting authorities in ensuring public safety, countering the illicit proliferation of weapons, protecting human rights and promoting the rule of law, managing a transitional justice process, and coordinating international assistance.

To meet these broad responsibilities, UNSMIL has implemented a particular concept of operations. While not small in absolute terms (UNSMIL’s 2012 budget called for 272 staff), the mission has operated with a significantly lighter footprint compared to