INTERROGATING DEMO-SECURITY AND NATO INTERVENTION IN LIBYA AND COTE D’IVOIRE

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ABSTRACT

The blooming of the Arab spring had translated into the fall of several dictatorial regimes in the middle East and in the West African sub region of Africa. In the West African sub region Cote D’Ivoire had just experienced its own regime change through the clandestine politicking of France, while in Libya, Gadhaffi the once public enemy of NATO had just met his untimely death. Ben Ali of Tunisia had fallen and Hussein Mubarak had fallen from grace to grass. The fall of these leaders and the clandestine politics of western powers in the affairs of these states had necessitated some key pertinent questions which include: (i) Was the intervention of Western powers in Libya solely on humanitarian grounds? (ii) What role has democratic security in the intervention? (iii) Can democratic security take the Ivoirians and Libyans to the economic/human development Eldorado? In trying to proffer answers to these questions the paper has inadvertently set the tone and direction for itself, hence the recommendations canvass herein.

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