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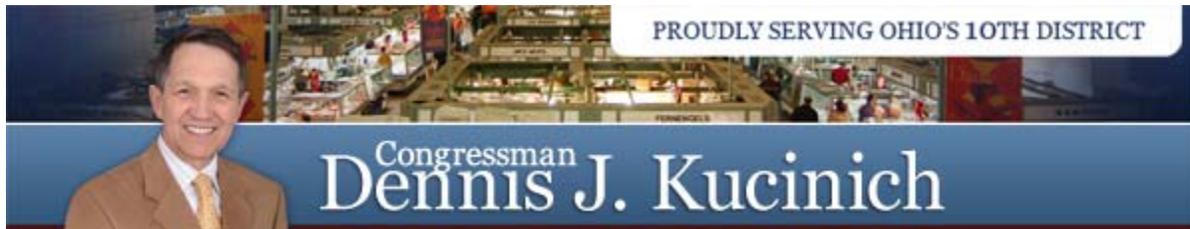
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WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 11, 2011) -- Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) today released the following statement and sent the attached letter to the United Nations (U.N.) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) following reports that NATO believes Gaddafi is a legitimate target in Libya.

See Kucinich's letter to the U.N. and the ICC requesting that steps be taken to address the assassination attempts on Gaddafi and other violations of U.N. mandate [here](#).

“Just as the President has written himself a blank check to go to war in Libya without approval from Congress, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is using U.N. Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1973 as a blank check to cover mission creep, which now includes a policy of outright assassination.

“CNN has now reported that a senior NATO official claims that Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi is a legitimate target under UNSCR 1973, which authorized the establishment of a no-fly zone in Libya under the guise of protecting Libyan civilians.

“Now that the conflict in Libya is dragging on, and support for the war continues to wane, NATO is getting desperate to break the stalemate they have entrenched. The true intent of NATO was finally revealed when we learned that Gaddafi would be a military target. The escalation of the conflict, the calls for regime change and now the unabashed targeting of Gaddafi comprise the mission creep that has come to be expected after a war is initially sold as quick, bloodless, and surgical. NATO’s recent announcement of a 90-day extension to the war in Libya and the deployment of apache attack helicopters by the United Kingdom and France constitutes a further escalation of the NATO campaign.

“The President was correct when he said of the war in Libya, ‘broadening our military mission to include regime change would be a mistake.’ NATO must be held accountable for any actions that violate UNSCR 1973 and international law.”

See the letter [here](#).

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