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This paper aims to examine the motives that led Libya to adopt the International Accounting Standards (IASs), in its corporate accounting regulation. The paper assesses the perception of respondents on the benefits gained by different Libyan institutions and organisations following the introduction of IASs. Many emerging economies have begun to adopt the IASs. These countries are spurred by various motivations; it is the aim of this paper to find out what motivated the Libyan authorities to adopt IASs. Semi-structured interviews were used as the main method of data collection. The findings revealed that foreign companies, international institution legislations, international accounting firms, the improvement of companies' financial reports, the level of accounting education and economic growth have driven Libya to move towards adopting IASs. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the national external auditors have had any significant influence on the adoption of IASs.

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