



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Libya

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. The Council welcomed the efforts undertaken by the international community to ensure implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1970 and 1973 in Libya. Recalling the need for close cooperation between all international partners, the Council welcomed the conference on Libya which was held in London on 29 March and the establishment of the Libya Contact Group. The creation of this Group, together with the further steps outlined at the Conference, provides an important platform for coordination of the international community's efforts. The Council looked forward to the first meeting of the Contact Group in Doha on 13 April. The European Union is ready to intensify its efforts, in line with UNSCR 1973, to foster a political solution in close collaboration with the UN, the League of Arab States, the African Union and other relevant partners.
2. The Council called for an immediate and genuine ceasefire. The Council repeated its call on Colonel Kadhafi to relinquish power immediately. It once more condemned the Libyan regime's refusal to respect UNSCR 1970 and 1973. It reiterated its call to the Libyan regime for a halt to the violence against citizens and for full respect for human rights. The Council also called for full compliance with international humanitarian law and in particular the protection of civilians. In this regard it noted the importance of cooperation with the International Criminal Court and welcomed the decision of the African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights of 25 March.
3. Those working within the regime face a choice: to continue to associate themselves with the brutal repression of the Libyan people by Colonel Kadhafi or work to support an orderly and Libyan-led transition to democracy through a broad-based dialogue in the interests of the security and prosperity of all the Libyan people. The unity and territorial integrity of Libya should be ensured. The Council took note of the interim Transitional National Council's "Vision of a democratic Libya", which it considered as a contribution to the transition process.

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4. The Council expressed its deep concern regarding the serious humanitarian situation in Libya and on its borders. It noted the risk of a further deterioration caused by displacements and migratory flows resulting from the conflict. It recalled in particular the obligation to ensure unhindered access for humanitarian aid. The Council welcomed the role of the UN Secretary General in coordinating humanitarian assistance. The EU is also determined to continue actively contributing to humanitarian activities for the Libyan people and stands ready to step up efforts in this regard, in coordination with the UN and other relevant organisations.
 5. The EU has decided that it shall, if requested by UN OCHA, conduct a CSDP operation, "EUFOR Libya", to support humanitarian assistance in the region, in full respect of the principles governing humanitarian action, particularly impartiality and neutrality. To this end, the EU has appointed an Operation Commander and designated an Operational Headquarters in Rome. The Council tasked the Operation Commander to pursue urgently further planning, in close cooperation and complementarity with the UN, NATO and others in order for the EU to be able to react quickly to developments as regards the humanitarian and security situation. As part of preparations, the EU stands ready to consider offers of contributions from third states including countries in the region, following PSC invitation.
 6. Recalling the Conclusions of the European Council of 24 and 25 March and the Conclusions of the Justice and Home Affairs Council of 11 and 12 April, the EU and its Member States stand ready to demonstrate their concrete solidarity to Member States most directly concerned by migratory movements and provide the necessary support as the situation evolves.
 7. The Council has adopted today further restrictive measures, including in the oil and gas sector, against the regime and will take additional measures as necessary in order to prevent further funding of the regime. In this context, the Council and Member States will continue to deprive the regime completely of all funding derived from exports of oil and gas.
 8. The Council underlined the readiness of the EU to support Libya in the longer term, and to play a leading role in helping stabilisation, building a democratic constitutional state, developing the rule of law and supporting civil society."
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