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## **The EEAS mission arrives in Tripoli**



EU flag to show support for Libyan people

The mission led by Agostino Miozzo, the Managing Director for Crisis Response in the European External Action Service (EEAS), arrived in Tripoli today. The purpose of the mission is to assess the situation on the ground to prepare for the opening of an EU delegation. The team will also make contact with members of the National Transitional Council (NTC) already present in Tripoli.

*"I have sent an EEAS team led by Agostino Miozzo to Tripoli today to further develop contacts with members of the NTC present in Tripoli and to prepare the opening of an EU delegation in Tripoli,"* said Catherine Ashton, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission. *"We are there to support the people of Libya during the period of transition. The European Union is ready to provide assistance under the leadership of the United Nations and the NTC."*

The European Union office in Benghazi remains open for the time-being. Over the weekend, the European Commission (ECHO) opened a humanitarian office in Tripoli, from where experts will coordinate with the international humanitarian community, to make sure that relief reaches the most vulnerable people.

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