



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Libya

*FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
Luxembourg, 23 June 2014*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. Libya is at a highly critical stage in its transition to democracy which can be successful if all stakeholders commit to constructive political engagement based on nationally agreed principles. The transition to a state based on the rule of law, respect for human rights and committed to the welfare of its citizens is achievable in line with the goals of the 17th February revolution.
2. The EU remains deeply concerned by the significant deterioration of the political and security situation in Libya. It condemns the widespread acts of violence and continues to call on all sides to refrain from the use of force and to address differences by peaceful political means and through an inclusive and transparent dialogue in order to fulfil the democratic aspirations of the Libyan people. The EU also recognizes the regional impact of the situation in Libya.
3. Recalling its commitment to support Libya in the transition towards democracy, the EU welcomes the holding of parliamentary elections on 25 June. It calls on all parties to create an environment conducive for holding these elections in a peaceful environment throughout the country and in an inclusive and credible manner, encouraging in particular the participation of minorities and women, leading to the constitution of a Parliament capable of embodying national consensus and playing its role in forming a Government with wide political support.
4. The EU reiterates its full support for the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) whose role remains crucial in fostering a political dialogue with a wide and inclusive participation of all Libyan stakeholders. In this respect, the International Community must remain fully engaged in support of Libya and should act in a closely coordinated and coherent way led by the UN. In this framework, the EU also calls on all regional actors to support a peaceful political solution in Libya.

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5. The EU expresses deep concern for the recent loss of lives at sea of migrants departing from Libya. It recognizes that tackling irregular migration requires a comprehensive approach. It calls on Libyan authorities to address, also with the support of the EU and the rest of the international community, human trafficking and smuggling and control of all its borders and to ensure adequate search and rescue capabilities.
6. Recalling the Council Conclusions of November 2013, the EU remains committed to assisting the Libyan authorities in the field of border control and security and in fostering regional cooperation and coordination, especially through EU Integrated Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM Libya).
The EU will continue supporting the efforts to secure all stockpiles of arms in line with UNSCR 2017 (2011).
7. The EU remains strongly committed to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Libya, underpinned by functioning state structures for the stability and prosperity of Libya and its immediate region. The EU will continue, in coordination with international partners, to provide assistance and expertise to Libya.

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