

Council conclusions on Libya

Foreign Affairs Council meeting

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The EU reiterates its condemnation of the increasing violence in Tripoli, Benghazi and elsewhere in the country and its devastating effect on the lives of the civilian population and is strongly concerned by the threats it represents for regional security and for the European Union. It recalls also EU support to the Libyan people in its transition. The EU calls on all parties involved in the hostilities to immediately cease all violence and to end the suffering of the civilian population, notably by engaging in a peaceful dialogue. The EU strongly supports the on-going efforts of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) to achieve an immediate ceasefire and to end the bloodshed and welcomes its partial return to Tripoli facilitated by Italy. The EU urges all sides to respond positively and without delay. The Ministers also acknowledged the concerted effort of the neighbouring countries in helping Libya overcome the crisis as well as their solidarity in dealing with displaced persons coming out of Libya.

The EU encourages the elected House of Representatives to playing its rightful role in leading efforts aimed at creating the dynamics for an inclusive political settlement embracing all political actors. The EU encourages the members of the House of Representatives to carry out their tasks in a spirit of inclusiveness, moderation and in the interest of the country, and calls upon all parties to support it. The EU commends the efforts of the UN Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Libya, Mr Tarek Mitri and welcomes the nomination of the EU Special Envoy for Libya Mr Bernardino León as his successor. The EU has consistently supported the central role of the UN in coordinating international efforts in Libya. The EU sees the appointment of Mr León as an acknowledgement of the EU's engagement and recalls, in this regard, its efforts for a successful Libyan transition including through different support programmes to the Libyan people for security, economic recovery, health and protection of vulnerable groups amongst others. The EU underlines again the role of EUBAM Libya in assisting Libya with its border management challenges."
