Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the lifting of the EU's asset freeze on several Libyan entities

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made the following statement today:

"Today, the EU has lifted its asset freeze on 28 Libyan entities. Our goal is to provide resources to the interim government and the Libyan people and help to make the economy function again. Today's decision concerns in particular Libyan ports, as well as the energy and banking sectors.

The EU has acted swiftly in the light of the developments on the ground.

As we head for the Paris conference on the new Libya, this is a clear sign of the EU's determination to do its utmost to support the people of Libya and the interim authorities during the transition. The EU will remain a strong and committed partner for the Libyan people and will continue to examine all possible measures in support of Libya."

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