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Subject: Euromed Commends Your Remarks on Libya and Calls for More Action

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Dear Mr. Cozzolino,

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor would like to extend its regards and commend your latest remarks concerning the disastrous ongoing conflict in Libya. It's of utmost necessity for the European Parliament to play a more active role in peace building across the globe, particularly in the MENA region neighbouring Europe.

As you have kindly emphasized in your statement, a Libyan-owned political process is crucial to end the vicious circle of violence in Libya. However, we would like to note that it's of equal importance to address the role of foreign powers and proxies in perpetuating the bloodbath in Libya.

For instance, recent UN investigations estimated that the tragic and horrifying bombing of the Tajoura migrant detention, centre east of the capital Tripoli, was carried out by a fighter plane from a foreign country. The attack in July left 53 people dead and hundreds injured.

We have observed similar interventions from regional powers in Libya which have only exacerbated the situation and rendered a solution to the conflict ever more distant. Hence, we would like to emphasize the urgency for your delegation to call on foreign countries intervening in Libya to immediately cease operations or support for conflicting parties, particularly the forces of self-proclaimed Field-Marshal Haftar.

Equally important is to highlight the serious mistreatment, humiliation and exploitation of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers in Libya by different groups, including the Department for Combating Illegal Migration (DCIM), under the Government of National Accords, which runs formal migrant detention centres, some of which have appalling conditions.

For more information regarding the alarming situation in Libya, please feel free to write to our team.

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Please accept, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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