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to the Commission

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Subject: Libya's repeated unilateral maritime claims against EU Member States

On 26 May 2026, Italy submitted a Note Verbale to the UN rejecting the unilateral maritime claims of the Libyan Government of National Unity as violating rights under the international law of the sea and the case-law of the International Court of Justice¹.

This follows Greece's reaction to the Libyan Note Verbale of 27 May 2025, which attempted to give effect to the provisions of the illegal Turkish-Libyan Memorandum violating Greece's rights over the continental shelf south of Crete².

Libya's unilateral action has become something of a recurring phenomenon, with the country directly challenging the maritime rights of EU Member States and undermining stability in both the Eastern and Central Mediterranean.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What specific initiatives does it intend to take to protect the sovereign rights and legitimate interests of EU Member States against Libya's recurrent unilateral claims?
2. Does it intend to apply the principle of conditionality to the EU's financial and institutional cooperation with Libya, making EU support dependent on full respect for international law, including the international law of the sea, and for the sovereign rights of EU Member States?

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¹ <https://docs.un.org/en/A/80/747>

² <https://docs.un.org/en/A/79/983>