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on behalf of the European Commission
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As stated in the President's letter¹ before the last European Council, the political and security situation in Libya is extremely critical and political engagement by the EU and Member States is crucial considering the geopolitical consequences of developments in the country for the EU.

To this end, the Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration was asked to visit Libya and to meet with authorities in the West and East of the country. The mission took place in a Team Europe approach, along with the Ministers responsible for migration of Greece, Italy and Malta. The mission was always expected to be difficult, yet necessary, which is why engagement shall continue.

In Tripoli the Commissioner and Ministers held fruitful discussions with the government including the Prime Minister.

The meetings in Benghazi could not take place under the circumstances.

The EU has an interest to cooperate with all key actors in Libya, in a Team Europe approach, to be able to insist on strengthening border management and the fight against migrant smuggling, managing work visas and onward movements to the EU, as well as ensuring protection and voluntary returns from Libya to countries of origin.

The EU is closely working with the Member States most impacted by the increase in irregular departures from Libya, including from eastern Libya towards Crete.

The EU also remains committed to a lasting political solution, anchored in the United Nations-led mediation. The EU calls all actors – domestic, regional and beyond – to support the United Nations initiative as the only credible option to chart the way forward towards a stable, secure and prosperous Libya.

¹ https://www.eunews.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Letter_from_President_UvdL_on_Migration_EUCO_June_2025_1_.pdf.