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Respect for international and human-rights law, including the principle of non-refoulement and the protection of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, is at the centre of the EU's engagement with Libya. EU support to Libyan authorities is intended to improve the protection of migrants and refugees, strengthen rights-based migration management and prevent loss of life at sea and in the desert. Whenever concerns or incidents are reported, the Commission raises them with the Libyan authorities and urges full compliance with national and international obligations.

EU support is subject to continuous monitoring through regular reporting by implementing partners, monitoring visits by Commission staff, independent evaluations and, since 2019, a Third-Party Monitoring Framework. In parallel, the Commission maintains a regular technical dialogue with the Libyan authorities, in which compliance with international law and human-rights standards is consistently raised and specific incidents can be discussed.

As regards the Italy–Libya Memorandum of Understanding, the Commission recalls, and consistently communicates to Member States, that EU law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights, needs to be respected in the initiatives they undertake in the field of migration.