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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - EU, AU and UN Working Group on Libya

During the AU-EU summit that took place on 29 and 30 November 2017 in Abidjan, the United Nations, the African Union and the European Union announced that they are setting up a working group to help facilitate the return of migrants detained in Libya. This working group consists of the EU, the AU, the IOM (International Organisation for Migration) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

It must work towards increasing the number of voluntary returns and dismantling trafficking networks. According a statement by the High Representative, Federica Mogherini, from 14 December 2017, this work has already helped nearly 2 000 people in under ten days, the ultimate objective being to return them to their countries of origin.

The objectives of the working group set up by the EU, the AU and the UN are ambitious. The three organisations are said to be working towards facilitating the voluntary return of 15 000 more people by February 2018.

Could the High Representative specify what diplomatic tools will be used to reach the objectives of this working group?