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Subject: Response of the European Union to the situation in Libya

The security and political situation in Libya is increasingly alarming, especially for its immediate neighbours, but also for the whole Mediterranean region.

The recent heinous murder of twenty-one Egyptian Copts by fighters claiming allegiance to IS in Libya means that it is urgently necessary to find a response to the chaos engulfing Libya.

Lying just 350 km from the Italian coast, Libya is fast becoming the forward base for IS to launch attacks in Africa and Europe.

Spreading terror in the territories they conquer, IS terrorists are now considering 'sending' hundreds of thousands of migrants by force to Europe's shores in the event of an international military intervention in Libya.

In view of the IS thrust into Libya, the European Union must devise a comprehensive and sustained response to the challenges facing the Mediterranean.

In this context, how does the **Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship** intend in practice to work together with the High Representative to propose and implement a European response commensurate with these challenges?