

**Question for written answer P-006585/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Naval blockade of Libya

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has said that his country might apply a naval blockade to Libya, with the aim of controlling migration flows and combating terrorism. In his speech, Mr Renzi made it clear that the measure seeks to involve the European Union in his strategy, referring to the anti-piracy operation in the Horn of Africa.

What is the High Representative's views of Mr Renzi's initiative?

Neither the High Representative nor the UN special envoy have ruled out further military intervention in Libya to end the civil war in that country.

Does the High Representative think this is a first step towards such intervention?

The military interventions in the Middle East and North Africa over the past decade have had a disastrous outcome, not only in terms of human and material losses, but also with regard to the political and social impact on the region.

Does the High Representative believe that further Western intervention in Libya would be positive in terms of bringing the civil war to an end?