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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - detention of migrants in Libya

The contact group on the central Mediterranean migrant route, whose members come from 13 European and African countries including France, Germany and Libya, announced on 13 November 2017 that it had decided to improve conditions for migrants in detention centres in Libya. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Al Hussein, has since spoken out against the deterioration in the conditions in which migrants are held in Libya and believes the EU's cooperation with the country to be inhuman. He talked about 'the unimaginable horrors endured by migrants there. Their suffering is an outrage on the conscience of humanity'. In Libya there are thousands of emaciated, traumatised women and children locked up in aircraft hangars. The actions of the EU and its Member States have so far failed to reduce the amount of abuse inflicted on the migrants. Moreover, the situation cannot be resolved just by improving the conditions in which they are held.

1. What is the High Representative's view of the fact that the fate of these people depends on a country – Libya – where the rule of law is not adhered to?
2. How can we ensure the effectiveness of the aid provided by the EU, given that the Libyan authorities cannot be relied upon?