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Subject: Animal transport to Libya

The UN has warned of the rapidly escalating violence in Libya. Amidst the worsening humanitarian crisis, with Libyan authorities not able to protect the welfare of animals during transport and slaughter, EU Member States such as Ireland, Spain and Romania continue to export animals to the war-torn country.

There are serious concerns that the Libyan authorities will not be able to ensure that EU animals are slaughtered in accordance with the international standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health on welfare at slaughter. Moreover, the Libyan authorities have said that during the COVID-19 crisis vessels carrying farmed animals may, under certain circumstances, have to be quarantined for 14 days at anchorage before being allowed to enter a port. All of the above may result in severe welfare impacts on the transported animals.

Will the EU intervene and require that EU Member States stop exports of animals to Libya in order to pay full regard to the welfare of animals, as stipulated under Article 13 of the TFEU?