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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell
on behalf of the European Commission
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The conflict in Libya is a major challenge for the region and the EU's security and stability. The EU's priority is to put an end to the military conflict, ensure a transition in Libya, so the country can be a united, stable and reliable partner. To do so, the EU is actively engaged in the United Nations (UN)-led Berlin Process for Libya, the international framework to re-launch the political process in Libya endorsed by UN Security Council Resolution 2510¹.

The Commission fully supports a peaceful resolution of the issues mentioned by the Honourable Members, in line with the UN principle of prohibition of threat or use of force in international relations and the relevant provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Previously, the EU had called on the former Libyan authorities to ratify the UNCLOS² Convention including in the context of the former dialogue on maritime and fisheries issues between the EU and Libya. Due to the political situation in Libya at that time, this dialogue was suspended. The EU will encourage Libya to become a party to UNCLOS once conditions are appropriate for such dialogue to be re-launched.

While the European External Action Service and EU Delegations in third countries actively facilitate the coordination and cooperation between Member State Embassies and Consulates, direct consular assistance to EU Citizens is a national responsibility of the Member States. Therefore, the Commission suggests to contact the respective Italian authorities directly in this matter.

¹ <http://unscr.com/en/resolutions/doc/2510>