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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: The new interim unity government and the elections in Libya

Since NATO-backed forces ousted Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, Libya has been a war-torn country divided by two political forces in the east and west.

This instability has also allowed Libya to become a key trafficking point for migrants to reach Europe.

On 5 February 2021, delegates at a United Nations-led forum in Geneva established an interim unity government.

The establishment of this interim unity government is seen as a major step towards unifying the country and bringing its conflicts to an end, and is also expected to foster unity ahead of the national election in December 2021.

1. What action has the VP/HR taken to mitigate the two parallel political wings and to reduce the political tension?
2. Will he have a crucial role in the national reconciliation process and in the plans to hold an election by the end of the year?
3. What steps is he taking in order to combat security threats and the economic crisis that Libyans are facing?