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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: Mass Graves in Lybia

On 16 June 2020, after the Libyan Government took control over Tarhuna and the south of Tripoli, which had been controlled by Haftar's militia and the federated mercenaries, several mass graves were found in the area, containing more than 200 bodies.

The bodies that were found belong to Libyan civilians who were kidnapped by the militia and the allied mercenaries. In addition, many of these bodies were found in a poor state, which made it harder for the authorities that conducted the search to identify the corpses.

The case received a great deal of public support and sympathy and generated a media sensation that urged action from several international organisations such as the United Nations and the International Criminal Court, as well as other higher-status international bodies.

In the light of the discovery of these mass graves:

1. Will the VP/HR send the Libyan Government the support it needs, including experts to help identify the corpses and remains that were found in Tarhuna and the south of Tripoli?
2. Will the Libyan Government of Accord receive EU assistance to accelerate the process of investigation to confirm the identity of the real perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice?