

**Question for written answer P-009866/2011
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Military intervention in Libya

A number of Member States committed forces to Libya under NATO command and under an official UN mandate authorising intervention solely for the purpose of protecting civilians. The National Transitional Council (NTC) controls most of the country although there are still pockets of resistance, particularly in Sirte. Nonetheless, in the current month of October 2011 alone, Member States' armed forces have carried out hundreds of air raids in this area, where many non-combatant inhabitants remain trapped.

1. Given this situation, does the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy consider that the original UN mandate is still being respected? If not, on what legal basis is this massive military support being provided to one of the parties to an internal conflict in a third country?
2. Does the High Representative have any information, even of an approximate nature, about the actual impact of these air raids carried out by Member States of the European Union?
3. How does the High Representative view the treatment meted out by NTC combat units to civilians suspected – in some cases purely on the basis of tribal allegiance – of having supported Muammar Gaddafi's regime?