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Meeting of HRVP Federica Mogherini, UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, Italy Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni and Libyan Foreign minister, Mohammed al-Dairi in the context of the preparation of maritime operation EUNAVFOR MED

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Together with UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond and Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni, the High Representative/Vicepresident Federica Mogherini met with Libyan Foreign Minister Mohammed al-Dairi today in Brussels. They discussed the situation in Libya, notably the urgency of Libyans reaching an agreement on a National Unity Government under the auspices of the UN-led dialogue process and the need to co-operate to address common challenges such as migration and tackling terrorism.

The meeting, part of regular on going contacts with Libyan authorities, took place in the context of the preparations of the maritime operation EUNAVFOR MED, which will focus on dismantling the business model of those involved in human smuggling and is led by an Italian Commander, and of the UNSCR process of which the UK is pen holder.

The meeting was very constructive and contacts with Libyans, the UN and key partners in the region will continue.