S T A T E M E N T

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the peaceful unblocking of an oil terminal in Libya

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"I welcome the announcement of an agreement ending the stalemate in the oil sector and congratulate the interim Government of Libya and Prime Minister Al-Thinni for the peaceful resolution of this issue. This agreement is a major breakthrough and should greatly benefit Libyan society as a whole and I therefore call upon all parties to ensure the full and timely implementation of this agreement and to refrain from holding Libya’s national resources hostage to particular interests.

I reiterate the EU’s commitment to Libya and its transition to a democratic State based on the Rule of Law and Human Rights."

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