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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the election of Nouri Ali Abusahmen as President of the General National Congress of the State of 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:

"The High Representative extends her congratulations to Mr. Nouri Ali Abusahmen on his election as President of the General National Congress of the State of Libya. His appointment comes at a crucial moment for Libya's democratic transition process, as Libya is preparing to draft a new constitution while addressing key security concerns.

The High Representative calls upon all Libyans to respect their democratically elected representatives and leaders in line with the values which were at the heart of the Revolution of 2011. She calls upon all Libyans to support national efforts to ensure security and stability.

The EU is confident that under the leadership of Mr Nouri Ali Abusahmen, Libya will advance on its path towards democracy, stability and prosperity. The EU will remain a firm partner to Libya and will help the Libyan people to meet the challenges ahead."

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