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## S T A T E M E N T

### **by the Spokesperson on the need for ceasefire and political dialogue in Libya**

*"The European Union is alarmed by the growing number of victims of violence in Benghazi. We condemn the recent suicide bombings, targeted assassinations, and clashes between armed groups. The continued fighting poses a serious threat to the security and stability of the country and the wider region.*

*These violent incidents confirm once again the need for an urgent ceasefire in the country and the resumption of political dialogue. A political process, and not armed confrontation, is the only way to address underlying differences and to secure a peaceful future for all Libyans. The EU urges Libyan parties to constructively participate in the UNSMIL-facilitated peace talks, and welcomes the courage and conviction of those who have come to the negotiating table.*

*The EU stands ready to support the Libyan people and recalls that the international community will not hesitate in taking action against those who undermine the political process and prospects of peace in the country."*

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