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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the first meeting of the Libyan Council of Representatives

"We welcome today's first meeting of the Council of Representatives in Libya. This is an extremely important step towards putting Libya's democratic transition back on track and helping restore law and order to the country. We encourage the Council of Representatives to carry out its tasks in a spirit of inclusiveness, moderation and in the interest of the country.

We condemn the ongoing violence and conflict across the country, including in Tripoli and Benghazi. We are deeply concerned about the increasing humanitarian consequences of this violence which does not represent the values of the Libyan people. We call upon all parties to cease hostilities and support the elected representatives of the Libyan people in building a prosperous and stable country for all Libyans.

Libya is a crucial neighbour for Europe, with whom we wish to establish long-term and mutually beneficial relations. The EU is determined to support the Libyan people in their quest for a society based on the rule of law and democratic principles."

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