ENE-001700/2021Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrellon behalf of the European Commission(9.7.2021)

1. EU support aims to assist Libya to manage migration better, in line with international standards. Through the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), the EU works with the United Nations (UN) and international non-governmental organisations to provide protection and assistance to migrants and refugees at disembarkation points, in detention centres, and urban areas in Libya. The Commission conducts regular monitoring of its projects under the EUTF, through regular reports of its implementing partners, verification missions, and specific results-oriented monitoring exercises.
2. The conditions in which migrants and refugees are held in detention centres in Libya need to improve urgently and alternatives to the current detention system should be developed. The EU provides lifesaving assistance, protection services and repair of basic infrastructure. This support is coordinated with all international relevant actors. The EU has always encouraged the Libyan authorities to establish mechanisms improving the treatment of the migrants rescued by the Libyan Coast Guard, including after their disembarkation in Libya. This mechanism must ensure that, in cooperation with the UN agencies, migrants are properly screened and registered, assisted in accordance with their specific condition, and placed in reception centres that meet international humanitarian standards.
3. To this effect, the EU is supporting the International Organization for Migration (IOM) through EUTF funding in the establishment of a registration system at disembarkation points and pilot in detention centres, which should improve traceability of those registered and thus their protection. EU programmes in Libya are implemented upholding the principle of ensuring respect of the rights of migrants and refugees by providing them access to durable solutions that guarantee their safety and dignity.