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# Joint press release by the High Representative/ Vice-President Federica Mogherini and President of the African Union, Alpha Condé

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The High Representative/ Vice-President Mogherini confirmed the EU's commitment to continue its support to the United Nations to ensure the respect of human rights, and to improve migrants' living conditions on Libyan territory.

Positive cooperation between African countries and the UN to allow for the safe return of their citizens stranded in Libya was also evoked. The EU's support to the IOM has also allowed to assist more than 10,000 migrants to voluntary return to their countries of origin. At the same time the EU's financial support to the UNHCR's resettlement programme for people in need of international protection from Libya has allowed for the initial resettlement of a number of people.

The President of the AU and the High Representative also agreed on the need to pursue cooperation of the EU with African countries, including those of the G5 Sahel, as well as with the African Union to actively fight against the traffickers' and smugglers' networks.

The African Union and the European Union share the universal principles of human dignity, and are determined to working together to ensure their full implementation.

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