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To all the Representatives to the PSC

Dear Ambassadors,

We are running out of time and need to support the Berlin process more decisively. It is true that the situation on the ground remains difficult; that there have been setbacks and that the UN-led political process has at times stalled, also due to restrictions imposed in the context of the Covid-pandemic. However, this gives even greater reason for the European Union to play a more influential role in efforts to resolve the Libyan crisis. The EU co-chairs the Economic Working Group, together with the US and Egypt, and has pledged substantial contributions under the six baskets identified by the Berlin declaration. The EU will also co-host with the UN the next meeting of the International Follow-Up committee on Libya on 23 July. Nevertheless, a further increase of EU involvement and activity is needed.

As discussed with Foreign Ministers in the context of recent FAC discussions, I believe that now is the right moment to appoint a dedicated EU Special Representative to intensify our engagement.

Working under my guidance, the EUSR will be mandated to enhance coordination, coherence, intensity, impact and visibility of the Union's multi-faceted engagement in Libya, in close cooperation with the Head of the EU Delegation to Libya and with the UN Special Representative. Reflecting the importance of the regional and international dimension of the crisis, one of the main tasks of the EUSR will be to mobilise international support for the Berlin process and the UN-led mediation by actively rallying around the same table and agenda the external actors having an interest in and impact on the situation in Libya.

In order for us to have the desired political impact, the successful candidate must have the necessary political profile, experience at a national and international level and established contacts to allow him/her to engage with all relevant actors at the highest level.

The new EUSR will be Brussels-based but with extensive travel including to Libya, with an initial mandate of 12 months.

I would greatly appreciate if the Members States would submit suitable candidates for this post by **7 September 2020, 17.00 hrs CET**. Proposals for candidates should be sent by mail to EUSR-Recruitment@eeas.europa.eu.

I would also encourage proper consideration of gender balance when submitting proposals for candidates.

Yours sincerely,



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