

Excellencies and dear colleagues:

At the outset, I would like to express my government complete sympathy with the victims of migrants dying at the Mediterranean on their journey to Europe.

I would also like to express our deep appreciation to our European partners in their efforts to save the lives of migrants in parallel with our humble national efforts.

As a transit country, Libya is unable to bear the whole responsibility in addressing the issue of irregular migration, due to the current political crisis, as well as the instability and insecurity environment, in addition to the deteriorating humanitarian situation.

We in Libya Believe that irregular migration is and international crisis, therefore it requires international collective efforts to Face the challenges ahead.

In this regard, The European Union and the African union should work together hand-in-hand to address this phenomenon.

We Cole on our neighbouring countries to secure their borders and to reinforce the regional and the bilateral security agreements in order to combat terrorists, smugglers and human traffickers.

We urge our neighbouring European countries to reinforce the bilateral agreements with Libya in the field of irregular migration.

Finally:

We appeal to the international community to provide the necessary support for Libya to enable the government to take control of its entire territories by strengthening its national security institutions.

Without doing so, Libya Will never be able to counter terrorism and organized crime networks.

I thank you Excellencies