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Gaddafi's brutality must stop now

Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament today welcomed the vote in the plenary on Libya and stress that the European Union and its Member States must honour their Responsibility to Protect, in order to save Libyan civilians from large-scale armed attacks.

The S&D Group calls on the High Representative and the Member States to stand ready for a United Nation Security Council decision on measures, including the possibility of a no-fly zone aimed at preventing the regime from targeting the civilian population. The Group emphasises that any measures enacted by the EU and its Member States should be in compliance with a UN mandate and be based on coordination with the Arab League and the African Union, encouraging both organisations to steer international efforts.

Said Portuguese S&D MEP Ana Gomes:

"In view of Gaddafi's savage retaliation against his people, the EU must exercise the Responsibility to Protect, by helping to enforce a no fly zone, as envisaged by the Arab League, OIC and African Union, or other measures decided by the Security Council. With all means available, including CSDP assets namely to enforce the arms embargo."
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