Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI

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“In Libya, we have to stop the arms flow and pave the way for effective diplomacy. Irini is not the solution, but it is part of it”.

The political vision provided at the launching of Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI summarized by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, Josep Borrell Fontelles, reflects the EU holistic approach.

The Libyan peace process took place through a series of meetings, initiatives and actions aimed at resolving the long lasting Libyan Civil War. Among them, Berlin Conference on Libya held in January 2020 involved many actors, international and regional organisations and representatives of countries of the Mediterranean Basin, all committed to a peaceful solution to the Libyan conflict. One of the outcomes of the conference was the necessity to effectively implement the UN arms embargo on Libya.

In order to deliver this outcome, on 17 February 2020, the Foreign Affairs Council of the European Union decided to launch a new CSDP (Common Security and Defence Policy) Operation in the Mediterranean focused on the implementation of the United Nation Security Council Resolutions on the arms embargo on Libya, while closing Operation SOPHIA. The Operation, named EUNAVFOR MED IRINI - Greek for "peace" - was thus launched on 31 March 2020.

Its core task is the implementation of the UN arms embargo on Libya through the use of aerial, satellite and maritime assets.

Launched on 31 March 2020, the mandate of Operation IRINI was extended up to 31 March 2023 and is under the close scrutiny of EU Member States, that exercise the political control and strategic direction through the Political and Security Committee (PSC).

IRINI is led by Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO as EU Operation Commander and its headquarters is located in Rome, Italy.
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Friendly approach

The friendly approach is a consensual visit that can be undertaken without any specific approval by the flag state of the vessel and does not entail any enforcing activity. These events are significant opportunities to come in contact with the maritime community and to exchange information, greatly improving the maritime awareness and consequently the security in the Mediterranean Sea.
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FGS U 35 submarine
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FS Commandant Blaison
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Joint Operation Center
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Inspection Team

The military procedure to inspect a vessel's cargo (in case the presence of embargo goods is suspected) is known as a boarding. It should be underscored that EUNAVFOR MED IRINI has the legal mandate and the military assets to conduct a boarding without the permission of the master.
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