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## **Non-legislative activities**

### **3. Current Affairs**

The High Representative and ministers briefly referred to the situation in Lebanon, Tunisia and Venezuela, as well as to EU's relations with Russia, China and Turkey.

The Netherlands informed about its initiative to hold Syria responsible under international law for gross human rights violations and torture in particular.

### **4. Libya**

#### ***Exchange of views***

The High Representative debriefed on his recent visit to Libya and ministers held an exchange of views on the latest political, economic and security developments in the country.

### **5. EU-AU relations**

#### ***Exchange of views***

The Council had an exchange of views on the EU priorities for the EU-Africa partnership and on the state of play of the preparations of the Ministerial Meeting and the Summit with the African Union. The Commission debriefed Ministers on the state of play of the post-Cotonou negotiations.

### **6. Belarus**

#### ***Exchange of views***

The High Representative and ministers had an exchange of views on Belarus, during which they reiterated that the EU did not recognise the outcome of the August elections.

### **7. Any other business**

Belgium raised the issue of EU statements at multilateral fora with a view to achieving unity and increase EU leverage on global affairs.

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