Resolution on executions in Libya

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The European Parliament adopted by 51 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions a resolution on executions in Libya.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled in the form of a joint resolution by the S&D, ECR, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL, ALDE and EPP groups.

The resolution states that *Cerene*, a newspaper closely associated with Saif al-Islam al-Gaddafi, son of Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi, reported that 18 people, including nationals of Chad, Egypt and Nigeria, were executed in Tripoli and Benghazi on 30 May after being convicted of premeditated murder and that their identities have not been made public by the Libyan authorities, Parliament reiterates its longstanding opposition to the death penalty in all cases and under all circumstances. It strongly condemns the execution of the 18 people on 30 May 2010, including the foreign nationals. It urges the Libyan authorities to make progress towards a moratorium on executions.

Expressing deep concern at the closure of the UNHCR office in Libya, the resolution urges the Libyan authorities to **ratify the Geneva Convention on Refugees** without delay and to allow and facilitate the running of UNHCR's activities in Libya, including the establishment of a national asylum system.

The resolution calls on Member States that deport migrants to Libya, in cooperation with Frontex (the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union), to stop doing so immediately where there is a **serious risk** that the person concerned would be subjected to the death penalty, torture or other inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Lastly, Parliament affirms that **any cooperation or agreement between the EU and Libya must be conditional** on the ratification and implementation by Libya of the Geneva Convention on Refugees and of other major human right conventions and protocols.