



## DANISH MARITIME CONTRIBUTION TO REMOVAL OF LIBYA'S REMAINING CHEMICAL WEAPONS STOCKPILE

### A DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO A LIBYA FREE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS:

- On July 16, 2016 the Libyan Government of National Accord submitted a formal request to the OPCW for international assistance for the removal of the remains of the country's former chemical weapons. On July 20, the OPCW Executive Council decided to accommodate the Libyan request, and on July 22 the UN Security Council adopted resolution 2298, which supports OPCW's decision.
- Denmark brings substantial experience from its effort in the removal of Syria's chemical weapons in 2013 and 2014. Denmark has both the capacity and skill to take on this important task in a safe and secure manner.
- On August 19, 2016, the Danish Parliament decided to provide a Danish contribution to an international maritime operation that shall assist Libya in removing the remains of Libya's chemical weapons for destruction in Germany.
- The OPCW developed a destruction plan which intends to destroy the chemicals within 15 months after arrival in Germany.
- The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is facilitating and coordinating assistance among countries seeking to help with the timely destruction of Libya's remaining chemicals in the safest and most secure manner.
- The United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom have made financial contributions towards this important international effort.

### OPERATION RECLIB:

The international maritime operation, called RECLIB, will be implemented under Danish leadership, while being subject to the overall coordination of OPCW. Finland will also contribute to the operation with staff officers and participation from other countries is expected.

The Danish contribution consists of the following main components:

- A civilian vessel to transport the containers with the chemicals
- A Consequence Management Response Unit ship that will serve as a command platform, while also providing the necessary security and support functions
- A Command staff which will lead the operation
- A number of military and civilian support elements from e.g. the Danish Customs and Tax Administration and The Danish Emergency Management Agency



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