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Delegations will find enclosed the UNICEF Libya key advocacy messages on missing migrants exposed during the meeting of the EMWP held on 14 March 2024, Item 2 on agenda CM 1711/1/24 REV 1



## **UNICEF Libya key advocacy messages on missing migrants:**

- Libya has ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) – Joint General Comment 4 of 2017 states no detention for migrant children irrespective of illegality of entry or of their parents' status.
- The European Union to invest in and advocate for a strengthened Child Protection system, namely:
  1. Training of Libya Border Guards and financing / deployment of permanent Child Protection Teams at border and disembarkation points.
  2. Advocate to establish an inter-country record of missing children and Family Tracing registry under Social Affairs (starting between Libya and Tunisia).
  3. Invest and advocate with MOI and PM Office on allowing children in detention to be hosted in Social Affairs/UN supported foster /interim care while Best Interest Determination and Durable Solutions (repatriation, resettlement, foster) are worked on.
  4. Advocate with Embassies of origin to ensure birth registration of all migrant/refugee children as well as subsequent access to essential services (e.g. immunization/primary health; schooling).