Flash report

EU high-level mission to Morocco: informal SOM on migration - 17-18 March

A high-level mission led by the Director-General of HOME, Ms Pariat,

took place on 17-18 in Rabat to relaunch the dialogue on migration and security with MO authorities.

The discussions during the informal Senior Officials' Meeting on migration were open and constructive and the parties agreed on meeting regularly to further increase the cooperation;

Main themes discussed and operational conclusions:

On return and readmission, Based on concrete data, this meeting should support discussions on the current hindrances raised by the EU in view of increasing returns. On the Moroccan national Strategy for immigration and asylum (SNIA), EU stressed the need to update and operationalise the strategy.

Technical missions to the EU should be organised to EU MS or with the EUAA. Further exchanges referred to other themes of common interest related to **financing** (programming of European funds), **migration and development** and the key role/leadership of MO in **regional cooperation** (including EU-African Union, Rabat Process) and in the multilateral fora, in particular for the implementation of the Global Compact).

