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BAN KI-MOON SAYS DESTROYING BOATS IS NOT SOLUTION FOR IMMIGRANT CRISIS

COULD HAVE IMPACT ON AFRICAN ECONOMY

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USPA NEWS - United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said Tuesday that he did not think destroying boats could be part of the solution to the Mediterranean migrant crisis.

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini was given a brief to look into possible operations to target human traffickers boats before they embark at last week's European summit on the crisis after Italy proposed this course of action. "Destroying the boats isn't the right road," Ban told a news conference in the Vatican, having had talks with Pope Francis earlier in the day. "We have to stop the people traffickers".

Ban added that destroying boats could hit the already-strained economies of North Africa, with many communities reliant on fishing. Several experts have suggested that a UN mandate would be needed for a mission targeting traffickers boats.

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