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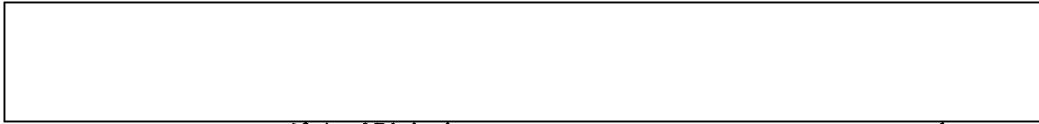
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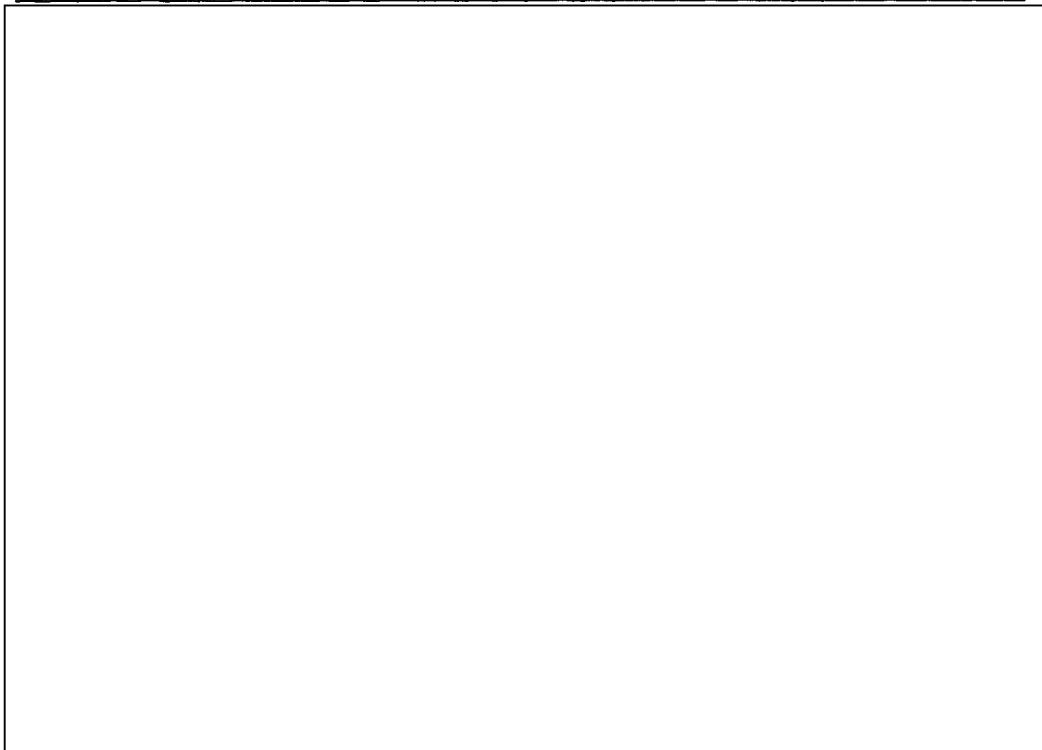
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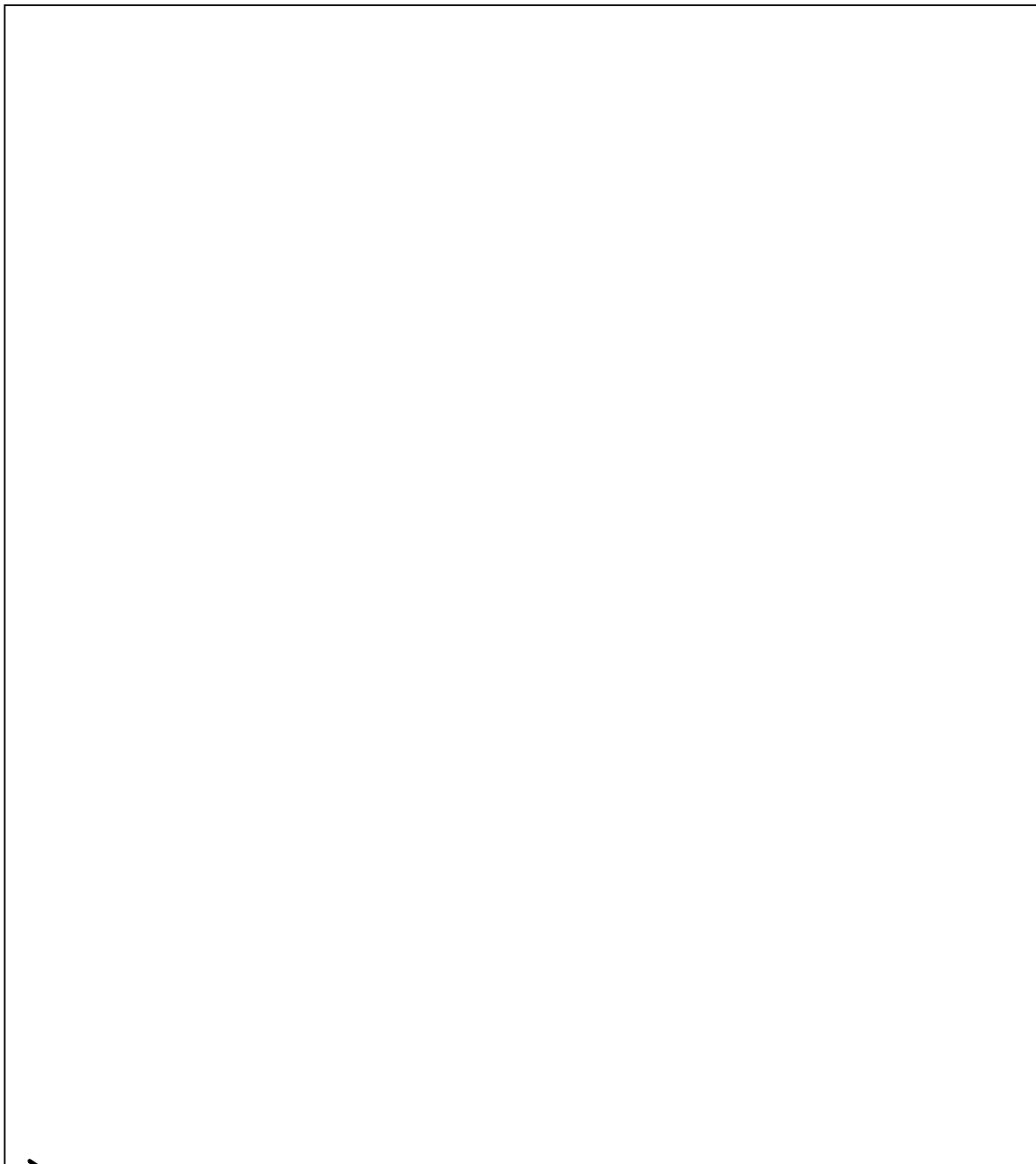
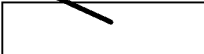


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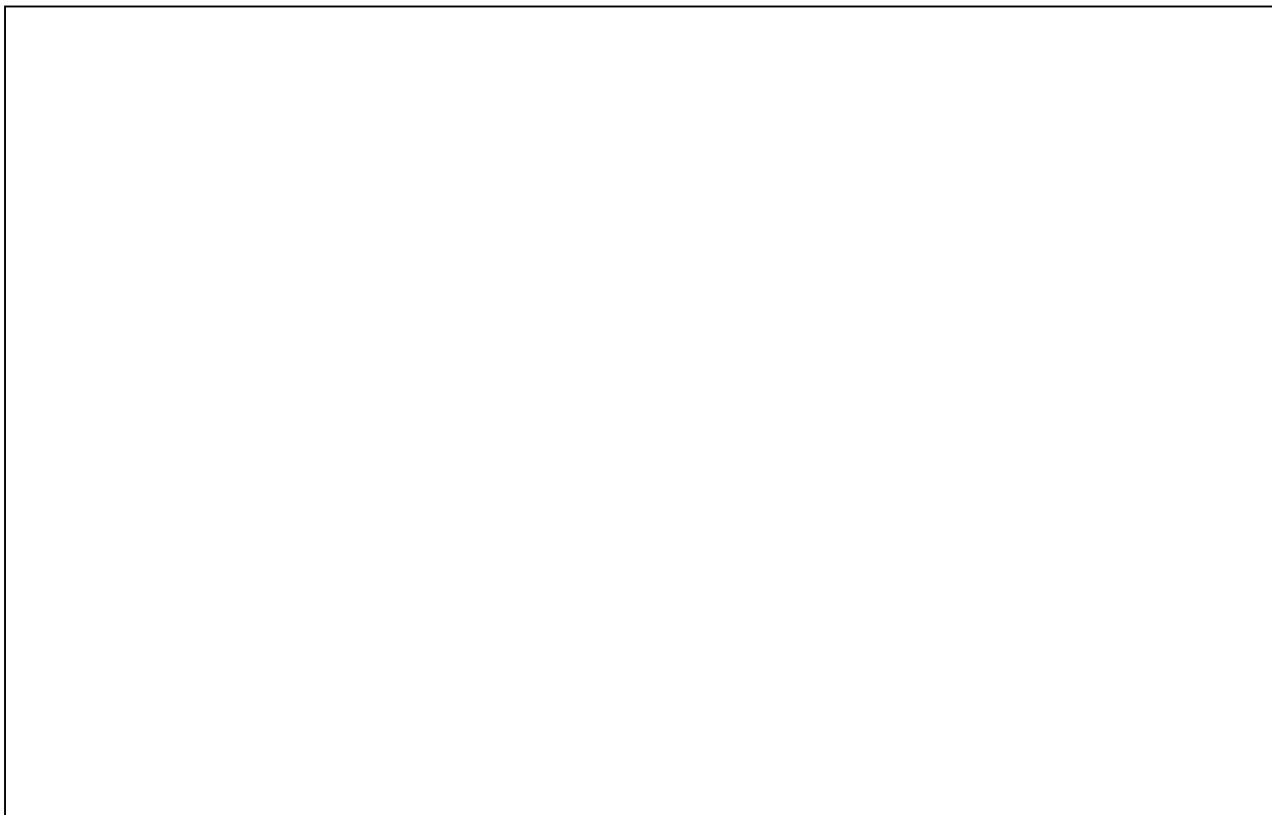
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Libya clearly occupies center stage among Italy's North African anxieties, followed by considerable interest in Tunisia as well. Much as French views of Algerian developments are particularly important in formulating EU policy, Rome is taking the lead in shaping Union relations with Libya. Apart from its colonial history in the area and its geographic proximity, Italy's Libyan preoccupation can be traced in part to the fact that it is the only European country whose territory was directly attacked by a North African government in recent history—Tripoli retaliated for the US bombing of Libya in 1986 by launching two Scud missiles against Italy's island of Lampedusa, although the missiles fell short of their mark. [Redacted]

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- In addition to concerns about Serbian surface-to-surface missiles, Italy's attitude probably can be traced to the unsuccessful 1986 Libyan missile attack against Lampedusa.

