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1. Coreper had a comprehensive discussion, at its meeting on 27 May, dedicated to the upcoming Summit with Mexico, on the basis of an orientation note (doc. 8838/15 RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED) and a presentation by the EEAS and the Commission.
2. On that occasion, Coreper also took note of the draft Joint Statement (doc 9154/15) to be issued after this event and tasked the relevant preparatory bodies of the Council to further prepare the event.
3. The Trade Policy Committee (Full Members) examined the state of preparations, as far as their remit is concerned, at its meeting of 29 May 2015 and the Political and Security Committee did likewise on 2 June 2015. The Working Party on Latin America and the Caribbean had another discussion on the matter at its meeting on 2 June 2015.

4. Under these circumstances, the Permanent Representative's Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to endorse, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the draft Joint Statement (annexed) as the basis for final negotiations.

VII EU-Mexico Summit**Brussels, 12 June 2015****DRAFT Joint Statement**

We, the leaders of the European Union and the United Mexican States, met today in Brussels to reaffirm our close Strategic Partnership based on the shared values of democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as on our common cultural heritage and the strong historical, political and economic ties which unite us. As we both face new challenges, we want our Partnership to bring greater prosperity and security to our 620 million citizens.

We focused our discussions on three key areas of cooperation that are of vital interest to our citizens:

- first, the reinforcement of our Strategic Partnership and the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement, including our common endeavour to promote the respect for human rights and the Rule of Law, to foster economic growth, employment and decent work, in particular for young people and women, and to reinforce our cooperation in fields such as energy, regional development policy, education, science, technology and innovation, and security;
- second, our cooperation on global challenges such as migration, climate change and environment, and the post-2015 sustainable development agenda;
- third, our shared global responsibility and our cooperation on important foreign policy issues in our respective neighbourhoods and on global peace and security.

Reinforcing our Strategic Partnership

We reaffirmed the strong like-minded relationship between the EU and Mexico, based on shared values and principles of democracy and the rule of law, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the importance of social dialogue, the promotion of sustainable development and inclusive growth, and the protection of international peace and security and cyber security.

We confirmed our shared ambition to **modernise our bilateral legal framework** and to prepare the ground for negotiations to this aim. An upgraded Global Agreement should reflect the strategic partnership between the EU and Mexico and their growing weight as global actors in the international system, as well as recent global geopolitical shifts and the increasing role of emerging market economies, as well as **the wish of both sides to create the most ambitious and comprehensive framework for bilateral trade and investment possible.** *[Wording to be reviewed depending on the progress in the scoping exercise]*

In doing so, we aim to further our economic integration and adapt our bilateral framework to the new realities of global trade and investment flows, deepen our political dialogue and coordination on issues of mutual interest, and strengthen our cooperation, bilaterally as well as towards other partner countries.

We reviewed the **existing bilateral mechanisms/dialogues** and reflected on key focus areas for the partnership in the next years.

We endorsed the ambitious results of the 4th and 5th High-Level Dialogue on **Human Rights** (18 March 2014 and 16 April 2015 respectively), including through reinforcement of common positions in international fora. They covered major issues of concern for human rights, in particular the Rule of Law and citizen security, respect for fundamental values, gender and violence against women, children, business and human rights, as well as counter-terrorism and the fight against organised crime. We recognise the important role played by civil society organisations in this process through their recommendations decided upon at the seminars of civil society organisations from the EU and Mexico.

We agreed on the early organisation of the High-Level Dialogue on **Security and Justice**.

We welcomed the intention to launch new policy dialogues on regional development policy as well as on employment and social affairs.

We also agreed to start technical discussions on the use of Passenger Name Records (PNR) data by law enforcement authorities. Finally, it would also be an opportunity to strengthen our international cooperation in civil justice matters, in the framework of the Hague Conference. In this context, we look forward to the imminent entry into force of the Choice of Court Convention between the EU and Mexico.

Competitiveness, innovation and economic growth cannot be achieved without strong cooperation on **Science and Technology**. We welcomed the progress achieved at the October 2014 Joint Steering Committee meeting in Mexico City, especially with regard to stepping up research cooperation in key areas such as health, renewable energy and information and communication technologies (ICT). We reaffirmed our commitment to make progress with regard to the planned coordinated call on geothermal energy. We encouraged the development of a joint understanding and joint objectives for improving the framework conditions for Science and Technology.

We also welcomed the progress made in the preparatory work towards an implementing arrangement between the European Commission and the Mexican National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) which will aim to facilitate the visits of Mexican researchers to teams of Principal Investigators funded under the European Research Council, recognising the importance of promoting the development of specific scientific and technological cooperation programmes as well as activities related to the exchange of scientific experience between both sides.

Being aware of the important contribution of mobility and migration to the economic and social development of our societies, we will continue working to promote the internationalisation of **higher education**, as well as transparency and comparability tools to facilitation mobility and academic cooperation between Mexico and the EU. We welcome the participation of Mexico in the new Erasmus+ Programme and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

Taking into account evolving global challenges and trends in the medium and long term, we consider that the **EU and Mexico should reinforce and expand cooperation on strategic challenges** such as migration, illicit drugs and transnational organised crime, social protection, health, education and capacity building, energy security, energy including renewable energies, enterprise and industry, including SMEs, economic growth and competitiveness, transport (in particular aviation), disaster prevention and management, digital agenda, and international development cooperation policy.

We welcomed the successful outcome of the **EU-CELAC Summit** on 10/11 June 2015 and agreed on the importance of promoting and implementing the social and environmental dimensions of bi-regional investments and also recognised the need for the intensification of the dialogue between the EU and CELAC. We also welcomed the EU-CELAC Business Summit held in Brussels on 10 June and look forward to appropriate follow-up on its conclusions by the EU and Latin American/Caribbean business communities and other relevant stakeholders.

We also agreed to **strengthen our bilateral political dialogue** in order to converge further on the global agenda and on our positions in international fora. In that context, we reiterated the importance of a strong and effective multilateral system, based upon international law in tackling the many challenges that we face together.

We are deeply concerned by the serious social and human impact of **irregular migration and the loss of life of migrants trying to reach a better life**, as illustrated by recent tragic events in the Mediterranean. We reconfirm our commitment to undertake action to avoid such tragedies in future, including by preventing and clamping down on migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, by disrupting the criminal networks involved in this trade who exploit vulnerable migrants, as well as by adopting a comprehensive approach to migration management, within the context of strict observance of human rights and human dignity. To that end, we will continue to work together, in close partnership with other countries and the international organisations, in particular in the framework of the UN.

On **climate change**, our priority for the December UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris is to adopt an ambitious legally binding agreement, and capable of delivering the objective of limiting the temperature rise to below 2°C or 1.5°C and shifting towards a low-carbon and resilient society before the end of the century. The Agreement should include adequate provisions on the transparency and accountability of all Parties towards their commitments. While delivering on the ultimate objective of the Convention, it should also address adaptation to climate change impacts and help mobilise adequate means of implementation, in particular climate finance, to allow the required transformation to happen at scale. It should also spur international cooperation to help Parties deliver on their commitment.

Aware of our global responsibility, we have come forward early, and presented our respective Intended National Determined Contributions (INDCs) by the first quarter of 2015, underpinned by strong national climate change policy measures. We share the strong reference to ensuring a route to a low emissions pathway and the importance of decoupling carbon emissions from economic growth. We will strive to build a climate change regime based on the agreed principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, while taking stock of the new international realities, such as embodied in the unconditional component of Mexico's INDC.

We invite other countries, especially major emitters, to follow our path and come forward as soon as possible with ambitious INDCs, in order to strengthen ongoing negotiations under the UNFCCC towards securing an ambitious result at the Paris COP.

On the **environment**, we agreed to strengthen our cooperation in relevant multilateral environmental agreements, and in particular in the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in the run up to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CBD COP 13) and the second meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (COP-MOP 2) (Mexico, 4-17 December 2016). Biodiversity – the variety of life on the planet – is essential for our economy and wellbeing, and is our life insurance and our natural capital. It is fundamental for global sustainable development. Therefore, we committed to working jointly to ensure successful and ambitious outcomes of COP 13 and COP-MOP 2.

On **energy**, we highlighted the possibilities of expanding bilateral cooperation in research and development, especially in renewable energy and joint initiatives on energy efficiency. All safe and sustainable low carbon technologies, in particular renewable energy, plays a crucial role in expanding access to energy, promoting local development in a sustainable manner, and helping to reduce poverty. In this regard, we stressed the importance of our support to global efforts to promote renewable energy sources. Regarding the need to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases in the transportation sector, we reiterated the importance of developing viable alternatives to fossil fuels.

We welcomed the ongoing process leading to the **UN Summit on Sustainable Development** in September 2015 and agreed that the MDG review and Rio+20 follow up need to be coherent and converge in an overarching framework. The post-2015 framework should be comprehensive and global in its aspirations and have poverty eradication and sustainable development at its core. Many of the new goals address key global challenges, such as halting the loss of biodiversity and restoring ecosystems, which have broader implications for society and the economy at large. We reaffirmed the importance of implementing goals and targets at all levels. The SDGs should become internal and international reference standards on all aspects of sustainable development.

On **international development cooperation**, we reaffirmed our commitment to collaboration and coordinated action, recognising that our goals and objectives are aligned as never before. We expressed our willingness to work together to strengthen the effectiveness of international development cooperation, and to support the international community in promoting a global partnership for development.

We will also step up our commitment to **humanitarian aid**, based on identified needs and in line with humanitarian principles.

We are determined to advance cooperation between the European Union and Mexico on international peace and security matters. We welcomed Mexico's intention to start contributing to **UN peace-keeping operations**, and instructed the political dialogue to explore further complementarities and areas of cooperation.

We discussed our common efforts to promote security more broadly around the world. We continue to be extremely concerned by the deteriorating situation in **Syria**, which makes it all the more urgent to put an end to all violence and suffering, and to find a political solution that meets the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people. On **Iran**, we expressed our support for the ongoing negotiations and agreed to continue our engagement with Iran. We exchanged views on the situation in **Ukraine** and called on all sides to implement their commitments under the Minsk agreements to solve the conflict in the country peacefully, respecting Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. We remain determined not to recognise the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation, and will continue to support the government of Ukraine to advance its reforms, aimed at strengthening and modernising Ukraine for the benefit of its citizens.

We welcomed the recent rapprochement between the United States and **Cuba**, as well as the progress made in negotiating a Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Cuba. We expressed our concern about the situation in **Venezuela** and called for dialogue between the government and the opposition parties. Regarding **Colombia**, we expressed our support for the successful conclusion of the negotiations between the Government and FARC. We agreed to join our forces to support development in **Central America and the Caribbean**, in particular on mitigating climate change, promoting sustainable energy and improving citizen security.

7TH EU-MEXICO SUMMIT

Brussels, 12 June 2015

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