On 7 May, EU foreign and trade ministers:
- discussed preparations for the 10th WTO ministerial conference (15-18 December, Nairobi)
- met their counterparts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine for the first-ever Eastern Partnership ministerial meeting on trade
- endorsed a decision by the European Commission (EC) for the EU to join an initiative to promote fundamental labour rights and practices in Myanmar
- amended EU restrictive measures against the Central African Republic (CAR) to take account of UNSCR 2196 (2015)
- adopted new legal acts on restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan
- endorsed draft EU guidelines and the first draft ministerial communiqué for a Group of Twenty (G20) agriculture ministers meeting (7-8 May, Istanbul)

On 18 May, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on Burundi. They also:
- exchanged views on the security situation in the EU's broader neighbourhood with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg
- discussed the preparations for the European Council (25-26 June, Brussels)
- debated ongoing work reviewing changes in the EU's strategic environment
- took stock of the follow-up to the European Council of 23 April
- exchanged views on the situation in the Middle East and on
EU Update (continued)

- prospects for the peace process (MEPP), following the for-
mation of a new Israeli government and ahead of a visit of the
HR to the region
- adopted the EU position for the 12th meeting of the EU-
Uzbekistan Cooperation Council (18 May, Brussels)
- adopted the draft agenda for the EU-Gulf Cooperation Coun-
cil Joint Council and ministerial meeting (24 May, Doha).

On 26 May, EU foreign and development ministers adopted con-
cclusions on a new global partnership for poverty eradication and
sustainable development after 2015, gender in development, the
first biennial report on implementing EU food and nutrition securi-
ty policy commitments, and on the European Court of Audit-
ors’ (ECA) special reports on EU support for rehabilitation follow-
ing the earthquake in Haiti, the effectiveness of blending regional
investment facility grants with financial institution loans to support
EU external policies, and EuropeAid’s evaluation and results-
oriented monitoring systems. They also:

- exchanged views on how development co-operation can most
effectively address the migration challenges faced by Europe
and its partner countries
- approved the Annual Report 2015 to the European Council on
EU Development Aid Targets
- implemented UNSCR 2213 (2015) on Libya by amending
certain criteria for listing in relation to the travel restrictions
and asset freeze measures
- authorised the opening of negotiations with Moldova in order
to conclude a security of information agreement.

In June, EU foreign ministers adopted conclusions on Burundi,
Lebanon, EU-ASEAN relations, the forthcoming elections in My-
anmar, the revised EU strategy on Central Asia, and common
principles for multi-purpose cash-based assistance to respond to
humanitarian needs. They also:

- exchanged views on how EU foreign policy can support the
EU’s energy union and how to develop a common EU vision
of energy diplomacy and the role it can play
- held a strategic debate on the EU’s relations with Asia
- had a debate with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on
current preparations for key UN summits and EU-UN co-
operation in tackling current crises
- discussed the political situation in the former Yugoslav Re-
public of Macedonia (FYROM)
- extended the EU economic sanctions against Russia until
January 2016
- approved the EU annual report on human rights and democ-
racy in the world in 2014
- amended the EU restrictive measures against the Syrian re-
gime.

In July, they adopted conclusions on Afghanistan, the Central
African Republic (CAR), Iran, Mali, Pakistan, and Tunisia; and on
the Middle East Peace Process (MEPP), the EU Action Plan on
Human Rights and Democracy 2015-2019, migration, climate
diplomacy and energy diplomacy. They also:

- received a briefing by UN Special Representative Bernardino
Leon on the initialising of a political agreement by the great
majority of Libyan parties
- endorsed the annual report from HR Mogherini to the Europe-
an Parliament (EP) on the main aspects and basic choices of the
Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
- amended the statement of reasons for certain persons sub-
ject to restrictive measures against the Belarusian regime
- endorsed the six-monthly progress report on the implementa-
tion of the EU strategy against the proliferation of weapons of
mass destruction
- adopted the EU position within association councils estab-
lished by the Euro-Mediterranean agreements with certain
countries to take account of the Regional Convention on pan-
Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

The General Affairs Council (GAC) met on 21 April, 19 May and
23 June in Brussels.

In April, EU foreign and European ministers adopted conclusions
on the FYROM. They also:

- received a briefing from the presidency on the discussions of
foreign and interior ministers on migration issues
- discussed the state of play of the implementation of the state-
ment on the fight against terrorism
- appointed Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelisen (Denmark) as the
next Secretary-General of the Council for the period from 1
July 2015 to 30 June 2020
- adopted a decision concluding the Stabilisation and Associa-
tion Agreement (SAA) with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)
- adopted its position accepting draft amending budget Nº 2 for
2015 which incorporates commitments of € 16.5 billion un-
used in 2014 into the 2015 EU budget.

In May, they:

- received a briefing from the presidency and the EC on ongo-
ing and planned work as a follow-up to the statement on mi-
gration adopted at the special meeting of the European Coun-
cil on 23 April
- took note of the annotated draft agenda for the next European
Council meeting (25-26 June, Brussels)
- updated the information included in EU legal acts concerning
four individuals and two entities that are currently subject to a
travel ban and an asset freeze over their involvement in hu-
man rights violations and the violent repression of the civilian
population in Syria
- adopted the agenda for the 40th session of the ACP-EU
Council of Ministers (28-29 May, Brussels).

In June, they adopted conclusions on the FYROM and the appli-
cation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in 2014. They also
examined revised draft conclusions for the next European Coun-
cil meeting (25-26 June, Brussels).

Click here to read the FAC conclusions from 20 April, here to read the FAC conclu-
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Click here to read the GAC conclusions from 21 April, here to read the GAC conclu-
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European Council
The European Council met on 23 April and 25-26 June in Brussels. In April, EU heads of state and government issued a statement on migration. In June, they adopted conclusions on migration and on security and development. Click here to read the European Council statement from 23 April and here to read the European Council conclusions from 25-26 June.

European External Action Service (EEAS)
On 28 July, HR Mogherini announced the adoption of a modified organisational chart for the EEAS, including the creation of a new posts of Deputy Secretary-General in charge of Economic and Global Issues and Gender Advisor. Also on 28 July, HR Mogherini announced the appointment of a new Director for Western Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey; a new ambassador to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and new heads of the EU delegations to Belarus, Brazil, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mali, Namibia, Nicaragua, Pakistan and South Korea, as well as to the international organisations in Vienna and the UN. Click here to read about the changes to the EEAS' organisational chart and the new appointments.

European Commission (EC)
On 28 April the EC published a communication entitled ‘The European Agenda on Security’. On 8 May, the EC published the 2014 report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. On 13 May, the EC published a communication entitled ‘A European Agenda on Migration’. On 18 May, the EC published the 2014 report on the implementation of Community assistance under Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community. On 27 May, the EC published the EU action plan against migrant smuggling (2015-2020). On 29 May, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and Mongolia, of the other part. On 10 June, the EC published a new proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament (EP) and of the Council applying the arrangements for products originating in certain states which are part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States provided for in agreements establishing, or leading to the establishment of, Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA). On 11 June, the EC published a report on the implementation of macro-financial assistance to third countries in 2014. On 15 June, the EC published a communication entitled ‘Financial information on the European Development Fund (EDF)’, and proposals for Council decisions on the signing, on behalf of the EU, of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS Nº 196), and on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the EDF in 2015. On 24 June, the EC published the draft General Budget of the EU for the financial year 2016. On 10 July, the EC published a report on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items. On 14 July, the EC published a proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, with regard to the draft Rules of Procedures at the Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

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Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)
On 20 April, the FAC approved the exercise specifications for the EU crisis management military exercise in 2015 (MILEX 15) and the crisis management concept for the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) mission to provide advice and assistance for security sector reform (SSR) in the DRC in the area of defence (EUSEC RD Congo).

On 13 May, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed to reinforce the CSDP capacity building mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) as part of the EU’s actions to prevent irregular migration.

On 16 May, the FAC took stock of the state of play concerning military CSDP operations, in the presence of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and adopted conclusions on the CSDP, including on enhancing its effectiveness, visibility and impact, enhancing the development of capabilities and strengthening the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base.

On 16 June, the PSC appointed Franz Xaver Pfengle (Germany) as new Mission Commander for the EU Training Mission in Mali (EUTM Mali).

On 22 June, the FAC launched the CSDP naval operation to disrupt human smuggling in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR Med).

On 2 July, the Council of the EU extended the CSDP police mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) and the CSDP border assistance mission for the Rafah crossing point (EUBAM Rafah) until June 2016.

Click here to read the press release about the FAC decisions on the CSDP from 20 April, here to read the press release about EUCAP Sahel Niger, here to read the FAC conclusions on the CSDP from 18 May, here to read the press release about EUTM Mali, here to read the press release about EUNAVFOR Med, and here to read the press release about EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah.

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European Union Special Representatives (EUSR)
On 15 April, the Council of the EU approved the appointment of Fernando Gentilini (Italy) as EU Special Representative (EUSR) for the MEPP and Peter Burian (Slovakia) as EUSR for Central Asia. Mr Gentilini is a former director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey in the European External Action Service (EEAS) and Mr Burian was most recently Secretary of State at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 22 June, the FAC extended the mandate of Lars-Gunnar Wigemark (Sweden) as EUSR in BiH until October 2015.

Click here to read the press release about the new EUSR for the MEPP, here to read the press release about the new EUSR for Central Asia and here to read the FAC conclusions about the EUSR for BiH.
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In May, they adopted resolutions on the case of the human rights defender Itai Dzamara, the plight of Rohingya refugees, the implementation and financing of the CSDP, security and defence capabilities in Europe, the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering and terrorist financing, the EU system for self-certification of importers of certain minerals and metals originating in conflict-affected and high-risk areas, and on financing for development.

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**Foreign Affairs Council:** 12 & 26 October 2015 (Luxembourg)

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- Crisis Management Initiative
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- ESSEC IRENÉ
- International Alert
- International Center for Transitional Justice
- International Crisis Group
- Interpeace
- Kvinna till Kvinna
- Life & Peace Institute
- Nonviolent Peaceforce
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- Life & Peace Institute
- NGO Support Centre
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Strategic Review of EULEX Kosovo: Assessing progress towards the end state of the Mission
Tuesday 16 June 2015, Brussels
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Policy Meeting
The 2015 Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy: A peacebuilding perspective
Wednesday 10 June 2015, Brussels
For more information about this event, please contact Nabila Habbida.

Geographic Meeting
Nagorno-Karabakh: Continuing EU support for building peace – Gathering civil society input
Tuesday 12 May 2015, Brussels
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Policy Meeting
Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture: The perspective of civil society and the EU
Wednesday 15 April 2015, Brussels
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The EU and Peacebuilding: Taking Stock
Thursday 26 March 2015, Brussels
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Geographic Meeting
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