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**V EU-Mexico Summit
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Joint Statement**

1. The fifth summit between Mexico and the European Union was held on 16 May 2010 in Comillas, Cantabria, Spain. It was presided by the President of Mexico, Mr. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, accompanied by Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The European Union was represented by the President of the European Council, Mr. Herman Van Rompuy and Mr. José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission, with the participation of Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of Spain and President in turn of the Council of the European Union.
2. The Parties highlighted the maturity and the dynamism of the relations between Mexico and the European Union under the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement and recognised that, a decade after entering into force, it has produced tangible benefits to their respective societies.

Bilateral issues

Joint Executive Plan of the Strategic Partnership

3. The Parties formally approved the Joint Executive Plan of the Strategic Partnership, which reflects both sides' commitment to continue building a closer, deeper and more mature relationship by means of concrete actions and joint initiatives.

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4. Both sides agreed that the Strategic Partnership brings added value to the already deep and comprehensive Mexico-EU relationship. In particular, it further encourages cooperation and coordination between the two Parties on the bilateral and multilateral stages. They underlined their common goal to jointly promote their shared values, principles and interests, such as consolidating democracy, the rule of law the respect for human rights, security, education, culture, science and technology, and social cohesion, as well as their commitment to gender equality, equal opportunities, sustainable development and the fight against climate change.

Global Agreement

5. Both sides concurred that the intensity of their political dialogue at all levels is a reflection of the importance they attach to their bilateral relations. An in-depth political dialogue took place during the ninth EU-Mexico Joint Committee, which witnessed converging positions on a number of issues, such as climate change, biodiversity, disarmament/non-proliferation, reform of the United Nations and human rights.
6. Regarding the economic aspects of the bilateral relationship, both sides expressed satisfaction for the positive framework for trade and investments set up by the Trade Pillar of the Global Agreement. Notably, both sides appreciated the favorable trend of trade flows, which increased by 122 per cent since the entry into force of the Agreement, in spite of the negative impact on trade of the global financial and economic crisis in 2009. Foreign direct investment and trade in services reported also a positive trend, with the EU being the second largest source of foreign capital in Mexico. The leaders reiterated their commitment to carry on the negotiations in view of securing an ambitious modernisation of the trade relations, in order to fully unlock the potential benefits of the Mexico EU Free Trade Agreement.

Security Dialogue

7. Both sides emphasised the importance of the Policy Dialogue on Public Security and Law Enforcement foreseen under the Joint Executive Plan, which is to be launched once both parties agree on practical modalities. They expressed their willingness to establish as soon as possible new mechanisms of cooperation between the public security and law enforcement authorities of Mexico and the respective European agencies.
8. Furthermore the Parties proposed to enhance coordination on issues concerning security in multilateral fora.

Human Rights Dialogue

9. The Parties concurred that the Human Rights Dialogue is progressing smoothly. In this regard, the Parties welcomed the establishment of a regular high-level human rights dialogue, through which both parties will have the opportunity to deepen the discussion on their respective challenges and experiences in this field, including through the exchange of best practices and information and appropriate public policies. They agreed that such a dialogue will serve to reinforce the already existing good cooperation in this area. The first multilateral meeting was carried out in Geneva on March 12, 2010, which shows both parties' interest and engagement on this new reinforced Human Rights Dialogue in the context of multilateral fora. The first bilateral meeting of the dialogue took place in Mexico City on May 12; both parties agreed that this meeting provided new elements to strengthen and renovate the existing Program of Cooperation between Mexico and the European Union on Human Rights.

Macroeconomic Dialogue

10. Leaders underlined the relevance of launching a Sectoral Policy Dialogue on Macro-economic Issues, in order to enhance mutual understanding on economic developments and policy challenges in Mexico, the EU and the global economy,, as well as on salient issues being discussed in the G20 and other international fora, including initiatives aimed at promoting strong, sustainable and balanced growth for the global economy and reforming the international financial institutions.

Other Sectoral Dialogues

11. The Parties reiterated the importance they assign to continue with the Policy Dialogue on Social Cohesion, under the 2007 2013 cooperation programme, in particular through specific sectoral dialogues. In this context, they welcomed the policy dialogues held in Mexico City in 2009 on taxation and on social security, and in January, March and April 2010 on public health, taxation and social security. These dialogues received important political and institutional attention and represented a good opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices between Mexico and the EU.

12. The leaders welcomed the holding of the 2nd meeting of the Sectoral Policy Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change, designed to step up bilateral cooperation and political consultation in relevant international bodies. An intensified cooperation in this field is foreseen in the Strategic Partnership between Mexico and the EU, particularly considering that 2010 is the “International Year of Biodiversity” and that Mexico will host the Sixteenth Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP16) and the Conference on the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP6) in Cancun from November 29 to December 10.
13. The Parties welcomed the launch of Policy Dialogues in Education and Culture through the signing of Joint Declarations in June 2009 as a very positive step towards reinforcing their cooperation. Joint activities are planned in September and November this year.
14. Both sides recognised the significant progress achieved in scientific and technological cooperation and expressed their interest in broadening and stepping up cooperation in areas of mutual interest, such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, information technology, health, energy and environment. The EU expressed satisfaction for the significant recent progress on scientific and technological cooperation. Both sides expressed their will are willing to ensure that these commitments are translated into concrete common achievements. The PParties furthermore agreed that the evaluation process of the Science and Technology Agreement between Mexico and the EU which is under implementation for irit to be renewed in the current year, gives an excellent opportunity to encourage to continuethe strengthening of the scientific and technological cooperation and to make it more strategic through priority areas decided jointly and the launch of specific joint actions. The Parties agreed that an evaluation process of the Science and Technology Agreement between Mexico and the EU will be implemented in order to renew it in 2010.

Regional issues

15. Both Parties took note that during the Summit of the Unity celebrated in Cancun, Mexico, it was agreed to establish the Community of Latin-American and Caribbean States. Mexico and the European Union emphasized that this will allow for the consolidation of an association of global actors sustained in the political dialogue, the effective cooperation for development and, on the basis of common principles and values, the joint promotion of topics on the international agenda.

Global Issues

16. The EU and Mexico reiterated their commitment to the principles of international law, including human rights, good governance, effective multilateralism, international development cooperation, international peace and security.
17. Discussions on global climate change issues showed both Parties' desire for an ambitious, fair and comprehensive agreement at COP 16 in Cancun, Mexico, based on progress reached with the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (AWG-LCA), the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP) and taking into account the important provisions of the Copenhagen Accord. Both parties also recognised the fundamental importance of biodiversity for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and for long-term human well-being, and agreed to step up efforts to fight biodiversity loss, including by adopting a new ambitious, fair and effective global biodiversity strategy at COP10 of the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity and by establishing an Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
18. Likewise, the EU expressed its support to the preparatory process that Mexico is conducting towards COP 16 – COP/MOP 6.
19. With regard to coordination in multilateral fora, both sides reiterated their commitment to support each other on matters of common interest. In this respect, both sides expressed similar views about the priorities concerning the 65th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in particular: UN reform, Millennium Development Goals, disarmament/non-proliferation, climate change and biodiversity, drugs, transnational organised crime, human rights, intercultural dialogue, peace building, and the responsibility to protect.
20. On global economic and financial issues, both sides stressed the importance of the multilateral trading system of the World Trade Organization and an ambitious and balanced outcome of the Doha Development Round as soon as possible. Both sides agreed on the need for the G20 to deliver on existing commitments and to set ambitious goals for the future to get a stronger, more balanced and more sustainable growth. They shared similar views about the priorities to pursue in this context, notably on supporting global recovery; ensuring a consistent implementation of financial market reforms and strengthening international financial institutions, among others. From its side, the EU welcomes and supports hosting the G-20 Summit in 2012. The EU is committed to make a strong contribution to this Summit.

21. On international migration, the EU has expressed support for Mexico's role as the Chair-in-Office of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. From its side, Mexico informed about preparations for the next meeting of this Forum which will be held in Puerto Vallarta in November 2010. Both Parties welcomed the launch of the bi-regional European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean Structured Dialogue on Migration, last June 30, 2009, as the main forum between both regions to discuss and exchange views on migration. They also expressed their concern for all practices based on intolerance and racial prejudice.

Other issues

22. Both Parties expressed satisfaction on the outcome of the work carried out by the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Commission, as well as on its contribution to the consolidation of the political dialogue between Mexico and the European Union.
 23. Both sides welcomed the results of the Third EU-Mexico Civil Society Forum held in Brussels in November 2008. A joint EU-Mexico answer was sent to the Civil Society Organisations in reply to the recommendations they had made on that occasion. Mexico confirmed that the Fourth EU-Mexico Civil Society Forum will be held in Mexico City in October 2010.
 24. Finally, both sides decided to hold the next political dialogue meeting at Heads of State or Government level on a date to be mutually determined.
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