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## MEDIA ADVISORY

# Friends of Democratic Pakistan Ministerial Meeting

**Brussels, 15 October 2010  
(Justus Lipsius building)**

**Press/Photo TV opportunities:** (updated information)

From 08.30 onwards arrivals, with possible doorsteps of the Heads of delegation  
(VIP entrance, level 02)

09.15 "Tour de table" at the beginning of the meeting (\*) (room 50.1)

15.15 Press conference HR Ashton and Foreign Minister Quereshi (Press room, level 00)

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(background note overleaf)

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## **Background - Friends of Democratic Pakistan**

The 15 October meeting, the third in this framework at ministerial level, will be hosted by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi.

It is expected in particular to look at the aftermath of the recent floods in Pakistan (humanitarian situation, reconstruction and rehabilitation) and at a longer term comprehensive approach to recovery (economic recovery, trade, institution building and administrative reforms)

The Friends of Democratic Pakistan was established as a forum in September 2008. It aims to serve as a political forum to express international solidarity with the Pakistani people's aspiration to build a stable, democratic and prosperous nation and as a catalyst to mobilise concrete support to the Pakistani government and people and to promote better understanding of Pakistan's rich cultural heritage. A summit of the Friends of Democratic Pakistan was held in New York on 24 September 2009 and instructed the Foreign Ministers to meet as often as necessary to achieve these aims and to demonstrate the ongoing high level of attention being given to supporting the people of Pakistan.

The forum brings together countries and multilateral institutions, including the European Union, which are committed to supporting a democratic Pakistan in its socio-economic development.

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