



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



## **Council conclusions on Yemen**

*3117th FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting  
Luxembourg, 10 October 2011*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. The European Union continues to view events in Yemen with extreme concern. The EU urges all parties to cease hostilities, refrain from all violence, respect international human rights standards and abide by a permanent ceasefire, throughout the country. Those responsible for violence against peaceful protesters must be held accountable and be brought to justice. The Yemeni government has a responsibility to protect all citizens from further violence.
2. After the return of President Saleh on 23 September, the EU calls once more on the President immediately to sign and implement the GCC initiative, without preconditions. It calls on all parties in Yemen urgently to ensure an orderly and inclusive political transition. The interests of the nation must come first and the political impasse is setting Yemen's development back by years. The EU continues to support Vice President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi's role to find a political agreement acceptable to all parties, including holding early elections, as set out in the Presidential decree on 12 September.
3. The EU welcomes the Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights following its mission of July 2011, which was submitted to the 18th Session of the Human Rights Council. The EU urges the Government of Yemen to act on the recommendations of the Report and welcomes its follow-up including through the progress report as requested in Human Rights Council Resolution L32.
4. The EU remains seriously concerned by the dramatically deteriorating humanitarian situation, including that of refugees and internally displaced persons, and in particular the alarming levels of malnutrition. The worsening humanitarian situation is severely exacerbated by the political stalemate. The EU calls on all parties to act in accordance with international humanitarian law, and allow unhindered and sustained access for humanitarian agencies to conflict-affected areas. The EU and its Member States will continue to support the Yemeni people, and have so far contributed 60 million Euros in humanitarian assistance in 2011.

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5. The EU remains ready, alongside regional and international partners, to respond positively with political support and assistance for the urgently required immediate implementation of Yemen's political transition. The EU will continue to review its policy towards Yemen in response to developments and looks forward to further discussions at the level of the United Nations Security Council. The EU will explore all available options if the political impasse persists, and the economic and humanitarian situations continue to deteriorate as a result."
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