



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Human Rights and Democracy

*3179th FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
Luxembourg, 25 June 2012*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- "1. Underlining the EU's determination to promote human rights and democracy throughout the world, the Council today adopts an EU Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy, to guide the EU's engagement in years to come. At the same time, the Council adopts an Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy for implementation of the Strategic Framework.
2. The Council emphasises the importance of an EU Special Representative (EUSR) on Human Rights for enhancing the effectiveness and visibility of the EU's Human Rights policy, and looks forward to appointing this EUSR swiftly.
3. The Council is committed to working in close cooperation with the European Parliament and the European Commission, and in a spirit of genuine partnership with civil society.
4. The EU is committed to working with partners, multilateral forums and international organisations in the field of human rights and democracy."

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