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Joint press release after the 3rd EU-China High-level Strategic Dialogue

The third EU-China High-level Strategic Dialogue was held in Beijing on 9-10 July 2012, co-chaired by Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, and Dai Bingguo, State Councillor of the People's Republic of China.

The two sides spoke highly of the positive role that the EU-China High-level Strategic Dialogue has played over the past three years in increasing understanding, trust and cooperation between Europe and China.

They agreed that in a changing world the EU and China share broad common interests and are increasingly interdependent. They should be open to new ideas for working together effectively, and remain committed to be a good example of international cooperation in the 21st century. They should continue to consolidate their comprehensive strategic partnership, on the basis of mutual respect and mutual benefit.

China reaffirmed its support for European integration, Europe's efforts to solve its debt crisis, and the stability of the euro zone. The EU reaffirmed its support for China's peaceful development and respect for China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The two sides agreed that they will address their differences and concerns, in a constructive manner.

They decided to enhance cooperation on international issues. They will intensify dialogue on global and regional areas of interest to both sides, including regular consultations, at all levels, on foreign policy, as well as contacts between special representatives and special envoys. The two sides agreed to hold regular dialogue on defence and security policy. They stressed their willingness to strengthen cooperation in anti-piracy naval escorts.

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