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**Press statement by President of the European Council Donald Tusk
after his telephone call with
President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China**

I was pleased to speak to President Xi Jinping of China today. It was a first opportunity to emphasize the importance I attach to developing a strong strategic relationship with China to the benefit of the European Union, China and the world.

Next year's 40th anniversary of EU-China relations will be a good moment for the next EU-China Summit to develop further our trade, economic, investment and political relations. I was pleased to accept President Xi's invitation to visit China.

We also discussed the importance of territorial integrity, which is particularly important in the context of Ukraine.
