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Joint Communiqué**

1. The fifth meeting of the Association Council established by the EU-Chile Association Agreement was held in Brussels on 7 October 2011.
2. The meeting was chaired by the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Ms. Grażyna Maria Bernatowicz, on behalf of the President of the Foreign Affairs Council. The Chilean delegation was led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Alfredo Moreno Charme. The European Commission was represented by Mr. Matthias Jorgensen.
3. The Ministers took note of the progress achieved since the IV Association Council in deepening and strengthening further the bilateral relationship. They particularly welcomed the entry into force of the framework agreement between Chile and the European Investment Bank, noting the important contribution the Bank can make to mutually beneficial investment.
4. The Ministers welcomed the fact that the second meeting<sup>1</sup> to inform civil society organisations of the implementation of the Agreement and gather their suggestions for its improvement had taken place on 6 September last in Santiago. The Ministers took notice of the interest expressed by the participants for such meetings to be held more frequently. The Ministers underlined their determination to see the Joint Consultative Committee<sup>2</sup> established in the near future and taking into consideration the respective institutional frameworks, so as to assist the Association Council to promote dialogue and cooperation between the various economic and social organisations of civil society in the EU and in Chile.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 11, EU-Chile Association Agreement

<sup>2</sup> Article 10, EU-Chile Association Agreement

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5. The Ministers welcomed the fact that the second EU-Chile dialogue on human rights had been held in Santiago on 27 January 2011, concurring that such dialogues were valuable because in addition to permitting constructive exchanges of views, they also assured good coordination and cooperation between the EU and Chile on important human rights concerns in both regions and also in multilateral fora. The Parties agreed to work together to make the dialogue even more efficient and result-oriented. The Ministers also noted with satisfaction that a dialogue on human rights with EU and Chilean civil society organisations would take place in Santiago on 12-13 October 2011.
6. The Ministers launched negotiations on an agreement establishing a framework for the participation of Chile in EU crisis management operations, and expressed their determination to see these concluded successfully and an agreement signed without delay.
7. The Ministers welcomed the forthcoming agreement on a letter of intent for Chile and the European Commission to expand their respective knowledge in the prevention of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from disasters and to establish a dialogue in the field of disaster risk reduction, considering this to be an excellent way of building on the EU's role as the most important source of external assistance to Chile after the 27 February 2010 earthquake and tsunami.
8. The Ministers welcomed the successful visit to Chile by the Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry, Mr. Antonio Tajani, and the fact that, during the visit, six agreements were signed that will contribute to strengthening further the EU-Chile relationship.
9. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the meeting of the President of Chile, Mr. Sebastián Piñera, with Presidents Van Rompuy and Barroso during the General Assembly of the United Nations which gave them the opportunity to analyse and exchange views on global, political, financial and economic affairs.
10. The Ministers exchanged views concerning the progress achieved in the institutionalisation of the regional integration architecture in Latin America, welcoming the consolidation of UNASUR, as well as the important advances in the convergence of the Río Group and the Latin American and Caribbean Summit for Development and Integration that will result in the creation of an entirely new Latin American and Caribbean entity, the CELAC. The Ministers discussed other developments in Latin America and also in Europe.
11. The Ministers confirmed their commitment to work together to ensure the full success of the next EU-LAC Summit, to be hosted by Chile on 7-8 June 2012. They expressed their satisfaction with the preparation process carried out by the Chilean Presidency of the LAC group, and welcomed the fruitful follow-up work performed by Senior Officers Meetings held in both Brussels and Santiago.

12. The Ministers agreed on the importance of maintaining an active dialogue and cooperation, in multilateral fora such as the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012, on topics of the global agenda which require a concerted action such as environmental and biodiversity protection, sustainable energy and climate change.
  13. The Ministers noted with satisfaction that bilateral cooperation continues to have a positive impact, welcoming the strong and deepening partnership and range of shared interests and policy areas in which the EU and Chile are cooperating and can cooperate further. Chile's accession to the OECD confirmed the relevance of the joint endeavours of the Parties to develop additional kinds of cooperation in areas of relevance to both Parties appropriate to the mature bilateral relationship and proportional to the level of development achieved by Chile.
  14. The Ministers took note of progress achieved in the implementation of the EU-Chile Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement. They welcomed the fact that the review of the first five years of implementation of this Agreement would be discussed at the 6th meeting of the Steering Committee on 8 November in Brussels, together with the prospects for continued development of cooperation at bilateral and bi-regional levels.
  15. The Ministers took stock of the achievements and development of the Trade part of the Association Agreement. They acknowledged the positive effect of the Agreement on bilateral trade and investment, which have maintained a remarkable degree of dynamism, and the capacity to recover swiftly after the global downturn of 2009. The Ministers also confirmed their commitment to develop relations further, and to continue work within the Association Committee to consider the options for achieving this objective.
  16. The Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the positive outcome of the bilateral negotiations in connection to the conservation and management of swordfish stocks in the South-Eastern Pacific, remarking the balanced protection offered to the mutual interests of the parties, and reiterated their hopes of a speedy signature of the Understanding and that the process of its ratification will be concluded by the respective Parliaments.
  17. The Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the excellent EU-Chile cooperation for the conservation of the Jack mackerel stock in the framework of the new South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), with a view to strengthening it and resolving the remaining pending bilateral issues in that context.
  18. Finally, the Ministers agreed that the VI meeting of the Association Council would take place in 2013.
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