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EU-Myanmar Task Force

The first EU-Myanmar Task Force will take place 13-15 November in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission Catherine Ashton will co-chair the Task Force together with Union Minister in the President’s office of Myanmar U Soe Thane.

European Commission Vice-President Antonio Tajani (Industry and Entrepreneurship) and European Commissioners Andris Piebalgs (Development and Cooperation) and Dacian Cioloș (Agriculture and Rural Development) will also participate in the Task Force.

The European Parliament will be represented by Vice-President Isabelle Durant and Members of the European Parliament Elisabeth Jeggle, Cristian Dan Preda, Csaba Sogor, David Martin and Robert Goebbels.

The purpose of the Task Force is to provide comprehensive support to the transition in Myanmar by bringing together all of the tools and mechanisms – both political and economic (development aid, peace process support, investments) – available to the EU.

Indicative programme

Thursday, 14 November, UMFCCI, Yangon

- Opening session: with address by HR/VP Ashton and Union Minister U Soe Thane. This will be open to the press.

The opening session will be followed by discussions in three different fora – Business Forum, Democratic Civil Society Forum and Development Forum. They will be partially open to the press and press points with different participants will be organised in the margins.
Friday, 15 November, Myanmar International Convention Centre, Nay Pyi Taw

- **Task Force Plenary session**: with welcome address by President U Thein Sein, HR/VP. Open to press.

- **Signing ceremonies (various agreements, tbc). Open to the press.**

  The plenary session will be followed by three sessions – **Economic Session, Inter-parliamentary Session and Political Session**. They will be closed to the press, but speakers will be available in the margins.

- **Press conference** by Co-Chairs at the end of the Task Force.

**Press accreditation**

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