EEAS and Spain sign Memorandum of Understanding to establish Spanish Embassy on premises of EU Delegation to Yemen

On 10 December 2012, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the European External Action Service and Spain. This agreement will establish the Spanish Embassy within the premises of the EU Delegation to Yemen. All the Staff of the Spanish Embassy, Chargé d'Affaires included, will be located in the EU Delegation and will share the same premises. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security policy, Catherine Ashton, and the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, José García-Margallo y Marfil. This is the second co-location project negotiated between the EU and a European Union Member State. The first Memorandum of Understanding of that kind was signed in May 2012 and concerned the establishment of an embassy of Luxembourg within the premises of the EU Delegation to Ethiopia. The number of European Embassies to be located in the premises of the EU Delegations is expected to increase throughout the world. That confirms the trend of strong relations between the Member States and the European Union, working hand in hand to build a common European diplomacy that allows the EU to speak with one voice in the international arena. This is particularly true in Yemen, where the EU and its Member States play a key role in supporting the current transitional process that aims at meeting the aspirations of the Yemeni people to establish a modern and democratic State. The EU and its Member States are working closely with all international partners to support this process, because consensus within the international community is essential for the success of the transition in Yemen.