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## **LOCAL EU STATEMENT ON THE NEW TUVALU GOVERNMENT**

The EU Heads of Mission in the Pacific (representing the European Union, France and the United Kingdom) would like to congratulate the Honourable Maatia Toafa, MP for his appointment as Prime Minister of the Government of Tuvalu. We wish the new Government of Tuvalu every success in fulfilling its democratic mandate.

The European Union stands ready to pursue its political dialogue and development cooperation in support of, and in partnership with, the Government of Tuvalu.

The European Union encourages a continuing commitment by the Government of Tuvalu to achieving progress in the eight strategic areas of Te Kakeega II, the Tuvalu National Strategy for Sustainable Development 2005 – 2015.

The European Union also commends the efforts of the Government of Tuvalu to maintain the country's macro-economic stability following the financial crisis that has hit the country.

Within the framework of the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement, the EU will continue to assist Tuvalu in progressing towards the UN Millennium Development goals and to help the Government of Tuvalu to maintain its level of public spending in key priority areas.

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