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## **Local EU Statement on the Cook Islands new Government nomination**

The EU Heads of Mission in the Pacific would like to congratulate the Honourable Henry Puna MP for his appointment as Prime Minister of the Government of the Cook Islands. We wish the new Government of the Cook Islands 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 the Cook Islands.

The European Union encourages a continuing commitment by the Government of Cook Islands to achieving progress in the eight strategic areas of Te Kaveinga Nui, the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Plan 2007-2010. Within the framework of the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement, the EU will continue to assist Cook Islands in progressing towards the UN Millennium Development goals.

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