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## **Local EU Statement on the Kingdom of Tonga new Government nomination**

The EU Heads of Mission in the Pacific would like to congratulate the Honourable Lord Tu'ivakano for his appointment as Prime Minister of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga. We wish the new Government of the Kingdom of Tonga every success in fulfilling its democratic mandate following these historic elections. The European Union welcomes the move towards a more representative democracy in Tonga and is looking forward to pursuing its political dialogue and development cooperation in support of, and in partnership with, the new Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

The European Union encourages a continuing commitment by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga to achieving progress in the seven key outcome areas of the National strategic planning framework, 2009-2013.

The European Union also commends the efforts of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga 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 the Kingdom of Tonga in progressing towards the UN Millennium Development goals and to help the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga to maintain its level of public spending in key priority areas.

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