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Message from Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission, to His Excellency Mr Narendra Modi, Prime Minister-elect of the Republic of India

DEAR PRIME MINISTER-ELECT,

IN THE WAKE OF THE VOTE, WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR PARTY FOR THE VICTORY OBTAINED AT THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTIONS AND FOR THE STRONG MANDATE RECEIVED BY THE INDIAN ELECTORATE.

THE EUROPEAN UNION LOOKS FORWARD TO ENGAGING WITH YOU AND YOUR FUTURE GOVERNMENT, PARTNERING IN OUR COMMON GOALS AND SHARED AGENDA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING THE EUROPEAN UNION-INDIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO NEW HEIGHTS.

TODAY, THE EUROPEAN UNION IS INDIA'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND MAJOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT PROVIDER. BOTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT CAN BE FURTHER ENHANCED THROUGH AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AMBITIOUS FREE TRADE AGREEMENT/BROAD-BASED TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENT, STRONGLY CONTRIBUTING TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION BOTH IN EUROPE AND IN INDIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT ON THESE AND OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS SECURITY, ENERGY, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION.

WE WISH TO CONVEY, TOGETHER WITH OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE ACCEPT, DEAR PRIME MINISTER-ELECT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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