



European Union Special Representative for Human Rights: **Stavros LAMBRINIDIS**

HUMAN RIGHTS

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Priorities

Increase the coherence, effectiveness and visibility of EU human rights policy.

Contribute to the implementation of the EU Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy.

Thematic priorities include: - advancing the universality of human rights.

- empowering civil society and expanding the space in which they operate.

 promoting key EU human rights priorities, such as the human rights of women, freedom of religion or belief, the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex -persons, abolition of the death penalty, economic, social and cultural rights and freedom of expression offline and online.

Mandate

Mr. Lambrinidis was appointed EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights on in July 2012.

Mr Lambrinidis is the EU's first thematic Special Representative.

His appointment follows the adoption of the EU's Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy on 25 July 2012

Top 3 Facts

Official human rights visits to Egypt, China, Russia, the United States, Bahrain, Indonesia, Myanmar/Burma and South Africa.

Extensive engagement with the UN human rights

fora and with regional human rights bodies and mechanisms, including the Council of Europe, ASEAN/AICHR, the African Union, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the League of Arab States.



The EUSR with the High Representative Catherine Ashton and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and others at the Democratic Civil Society Forum of the EU-Myanmar Taskforce, November 2013



In New-York with United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) Ban Ki-moon Discussed FU human rights work and priorities & close cooperation with the UNSG, UN Treaty Bodies and staff. Also present Pierre Vimont, the Sec Gen of the European External Action Service, and Thomas Mayr-Harting, the EU Ambassador to the UN.



EUSR: Secretary Clinton Shakes Hands With Greek Foreign Minister Lambrinidis.



EU-Myanmar Task Force

EU Myanmar Task Force 2013: The EUSR with the High Representative Catherine Ashton and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and others at the Democratic Civil Society Forum of the EU-Myanmar Taskforce, November 2013.

9th May Europe Day

Main links:

EEAS website on the EU and human rights: http://eeas.europa.eu/human_rights/index_en.htm

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