



EU-Myanmar Task Force

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Second Media Advisory

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Yangon, 12 November 2013

The first EU-Myanmar Task Force will take place **13-15 November** in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission **Catherine Ashton** will co-chair the Task Force together with Minister in the President's office of Myanmar **U Soe Thane**.

European Commission Vice-President **Antonio Tajani** (Industry and Entrepreneurship) and Commissioners **Andris Piebalgs** (Development and Cooperation) and **Dacian Cioloş** (Agriculture and Rural Development) will also participate in the Task Force.

The European Parliament will be represented by Vice-President **Isabelle Durant** and MEPs **Elisabeth Jeggle, Cristian Dan Preda, Csaba Sogor, David Martin and Robert Goebbels**.

The purpose of the Task Force is to provide comprehensive support to the transition in Myanmar by bringing together all of the tools and mechanisms – both political and economic (development aid, peace process support, investments) – available to the EU.

Indicative programme

Thursday, 14 November, UMFCCI, Yangon

- **Opening session at 09:00:** with addresses by HR/VP Ashton and Union Minister U Soe Thane. This will be **open to accredited press**.

The opening session will be followed by discussions in three different fora, all starting at **09:30**. They will be partially open to accredited press and press points with different participants will be organised in the margins:

- **Business Forum:** Panel discussion co-chaired by VP Tajani and Union Minister in the President's office of Myanmar U Tin Naing Thein. The first part will be open to accredited press. The second part (starting at **11.30**) will take place in different working groups (*Energy and Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Business*

Environment, Agri-Business & Tourism). The opening remarks of these working groups will be open to accredited press.

- **Democratic Civil Society Forum:** Round-table discussion co-chaired by HR/VP Ashton and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. This event is by invitation only.
- **Development Forum:** The first part is a closed session on the joint programming of EU's future support to Myanmar. At **11.30** there will be a moderated panel discussion on Myanmar's development priorities and challenges which will be open to accredited press. It will be co-chaired by Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development.

Friday, 15 November, Myanmar International Convention Centre, Nay Pyi Taw

- **Task Force Plenary session at 09:00:** with welcome address by President U Thein Sein & HR/VP Ashton. **Open to accredited press.**
- **Signing ceremonies at 09:30, open to accredited press.**

The plenary session will be followed by three sessions, closed to the press:

- **Task Force Economic Session:** co-chaired by HR/VP Ashton and U Soe Thane.
 - **Inter-parliamentary Session:** opened by VP EP Isabelle Durant and Speaker of Myanmar Parliament Thura Shwe Mann.
 - **Task Force Political Session:** co-chaired by HR/VP Ashton and U Aung Min.
- **Press conference at 16:00** by Co-Chairs at the end of the Task Force will be open to all accredited press.

Press accreditation

There will be a possibility of last minute accreditation, upon a presentation of the valid press credentials.

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