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EU and Republic of Korea hold first human rights consultation

The European Union and the Republic of Korea held their first consultation on human rights on 7 October 2013 in Brussels, in implementation of the joint prior commitment to enhance consultations in this key area of common interest.

The meeting was co-chaired by European External Action Service Director for Human Rights and Democracy Véronique Arnault and Director-General of the International Organisations Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, Kim Moon-hwan.

Both sides agreed on the importance of the universality of human rights and the need to strengthen the international human rights system. Discussions focussed on enhancing cooperation at UN human rights fora, namely the UN General Assembly Third Committee and the Human Rights Council, and reviewed the situation of human rights in Asia.

The meeting also served as an information exchange about respective human rights policies and instruments, and addressed other human rights issues of mutual interest.

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