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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **High-level international coordination meeting on the Sahel hosted by the EU**

*"The European Union hosted a high-level meeting chaired by Mali of the international coordination platform for the Sahel in Brussels on 6 February 2014. The political and security crisis from which Mali is slowly emerging demonstrates the magnitude of the risks faced by the entire Sahel-Sahara region.*

*The Mali Government, with international support and in particular with the support of the European Union, is doing everything in its power to restore peace, stability and conditions which promote development throughout the country. However, the benefits will be short lived if Mali's vulnerable position deteriorates further and if the crisis in the Sahel Sahara region continues.*

*The European Union is determined to push ahead with and step up its efforts to bring peace, stability and development to the region, working closely with regional players and international partners.*

*The European Union supports all the conclusions of the meeting of the international coordination platform for the Sahel chaired by Mali."*

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