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EU and China to hold Dialogue on Security and Defence

General Patrick de Rousiers, Chairman of the EU Military Committee, travels tomorrow to Beijing to hold the first EU-China Dialogue on Security and Defence. This mission, the first of its kind, stems from last March's visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to the EU. It was agreed on that occasion – based on the good cooperation so far – to raise the level of EU- China dialogue and cooperation on defence and security.

The General is expected to hold meetings with Chinese Defence Minister Chang Wanquan and Chief of General Staff Fang Fenghui as well as give a speech at the PLA Defence University and participate in a roundtable with Chinese experts.

This initiative is part of the implementation of the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation agreed by both sides at the 2013 EU-China Summit.

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