



**European Union**  
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in South Africa

**... this week  
in review**

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## 22 July – 5 August 2005

### Headline News

#### **European Commission expresses regret on the death of Sudanese Vice-President Garang (01/08/2005)**

The European Commission expressed "deep regret" on learning of the tragic death of the Sudanese Vice-President John Garang in a helicopter crash. The European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Louis Michel, said that he "met several times with Mr Garang and had the highest respect for him, notably in the decisive role he played in the conclusion in January of a comprehensive peace agreement ending more than 20 years of civil war in South Sudan." The Commissioner added: "it is now essential that other Sudanese statesmen work together to meet the challenge of continuing his work and consolidating the peace process".

#### **€30 mil support programme for regional integration and trade with East and Southern Africa (22/07/2005)**

Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, signed a €30 million support programme for regional economic integration in the Eastern and Southern African region. Michel, due to participate in the Indian Ocean Commission summit in Madagascar, said: "Regional integration and the removal of barriers which limit the region's trading opportunities are two vital elements for development and eradication of poverty." The overall objective of the Regional Integration Support Programme (RISP) is to assist the Regional Organisations (COMESA, EAC, IGAD and IOC) in the implementation of their respective programmes for regional integration. Louis Michel stressed his strong commitment to capacity building of regional organisations, reinforcing their ability to provide the services needed to facilitate regional integration of their member states".



See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1000&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### Other News

#### **13 new security research projects to combat terrorism (02/08/2005)**

The Preparatory Action on 'Enhancement of the European industrial potential in the field of Security Research 2004-2006' (PARS) constitutes the Commission's contribution to the wider EU agenda for addressing key security challenges facing Europe today. It focuses in particular on the development of a security research agenda to bridge the gap between civil research, as supported by EC Framework Programmes, and national and intergovernmental security research initiatives. Security research will be part of the 7th EC RTD Framework Programme (2007-2013) with the Commission proposing a budget of circa €570 Million per year for the theme 'Security and Space'.

See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/277&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### See also: **Fight against terrorism: €15 million for new security research (02/08/2005)**

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1031&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Fact sheet on European Arrest Warrant (EAW) (02/08/2005)**

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/278&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Extra €58 mil to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria in developing countries (01/08/2005)**

The European Commission has paid €58 million to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in developing countries, bringing its total contribution to the fund since 2002 to €432.5 million. The contribution enables the Global Fund to boost prevention, treatment and care in order to accelerate the urgently needed response to these three diseases.

See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1028&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Presidency's statement on behalf of the EU on the elections in Guinea-Bissau (01/08/2005)**

The European Union is pleased to note that the second round of the Presidential elections in Guinea-Bissau was considered by international observers, in particular the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), to have been peaceful and generally well organised in a transparent and inclusive manner, in line with international principles for democratic elections. Voters were able to exercise their franchise freely, despite a tense pre-election period.

See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/204&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Post-Tsunami reconstruction: EC finances first long-term activities in Aceh, Indonesia (29/07/2005)**

The European Commission has approved a further contribution of €30 million of its €207 million package to support long-term reconstruction in Indonesia's Aceh province, after the Tsunami. For the first time, Commission funds are contributing to aid coordinated through the Multi-Donor Tsunami Reconstruction Trust Fund, managed by the World Bank. The Commission is the largest contributor to the Trust Fund and one of its co-chairs. The €207 million package pledged by the Commission for Indonesia includes €7 million under the Rapid Reaction Mechanism, already released, to kick-start long-term reconstruction work, and a total of €200 million to be provided through the Trust Fund. This support comes in addition to the EC's €123 million humanitarian aid assistance to all tsunami-affected countries which started flowing only days after the disaster struck. See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1025&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Climate change: public consultation underlines support for tackling aviation's contribution (29/07/2005)**

A public internet consultation conducted by the European Commission has shown broad support among the aviation industry, NGOs and citizens for taking action to limit the aviation sector's growing impact on climate change. The Commission is also publishing a new study which shows that it would be feasible to include airlines in the EU greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme. This is one of the options that the Commission is considering as it prepares to put forward an EU strategy for tackling aviation's contribution to climate change. This strategy is scheduled for after the summer break. See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1024&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Commissioner Borg welcomes a new fisheries partnership agreement with Morocco (28/07/2005)**

Joe Borg, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs has welcomed the initialling of a fisheries partnership agreement between the European Union and Morocco. This agreement, which will be in place for a period of 4 years, marks the renewal of the fisheries relations between the two Parties after the previous agreement came to an end in November 1999. This new agreement ... will provide fishing possibilities for 119 EU vessels and an annual quota of 60,000t of small pelagic species. The financial compensation from the European Union to Morocco will amount to €144 million for the whole period. A substantial part of this amount will be earmarked for measures specifically designed to help Morocco's small-scale fleet and to support the development of sustainable fishing activities in Morocco's waters.



See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1018&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

See also: **Press Conference (28/07/2005)**

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/05/463&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

**EU / Morocco Fisheries Partnership Agreement: past and future (28/07/2005)**

<http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/275&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Commission provides €8.5 million in humanitarian aid for Ethiopia and Eritrea (26/07/2005)**

The European Commission has adopted two decisions worth a total of €8.5 million to help meet humanitarian needs in Ethiopia and Eritrea. The funds are managed by the Commission's humanitarian aid department (ECHO), which comes under the responsibility of Commissioner Louis Michel. In Ethiopia, there is growing evidence of a deteriorating humanitarian situation with famine threatened. More than half the population is malnourished and only 50% of Ethiopians have access to safe drinking water.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/05/1010&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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