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Top News

[Statement following the vote in the Greek Parliament on the revised economic programme \(30/06/11\)](#)



Joint statement by President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy (left) and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso (right) following the vote in the Greek Parliament on the revised economic programme: "With today's approval by the Greek Parliament of the revised economic programme, the country has taken an important step forward along the necessary path of fiscal consolidation and growth-enhancing structural reform. But it has also taken a vital step back – from the very grave scenario of default. This was a vote of national responsibility".



[Declaration by the High Representative following the ICC arrest warrant for Muammar Gaddafi \(27/06/11\)](#)

"The European Union has taken note of the decision of the International Criminal Court's Pre-Trial Chamber I on 27 June to issue an arrest warrant against Muammar Abu Minya Gaddafi, Saif Al Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al Sanousi in connection with alleged crimes against humanity in Libya. The European Union fully supports the International Criminal Court, which plays a key role in the promotion of international justice...".

[Public Consultation on a new Trade and Development Communication](#)

In preparation for its Communication on Trade and Development, the European Commission invites stakeholders to present their views on its new approach to trade and investment for development. The aim of the Communication is to give a clear picture of how the EU can best support developing countries, especially those most in need, in order to optimise all opportunities and boost inclusive growth and reduce poverty. Closing date: 21/08/2011. [Participate in the public consultation](#)

[Côte d'Ivoire: EU lifts the restrictions on the three remaining entities on the list \(27/06/11\)](#)

The Council of the European Union lifted the restrictions on the last three entities subject to an EU assets freeze, in order to support the country's economic recovery. The assets freeze was lifted for an initial four entities on 8 April 2011 and for six more on 29 April 2011.

[Declaration on the occasion of the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture \(26/06/11\)](#)

"Today, on the UN International Day in Support of the Victims of Torture, the EU resolves to intensify its efforts to secure a world free from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment... The European Union urges all States, worldwide, to follow its own 27 Members in acceding to the 1984 Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment".

[Tunisia: EIB signs its first post-Deauville loan with Tunisia \(24/06/11\)](#)

Philippe de Fontaine Vive, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) and Abdelhamid Triki, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, signed a €163m contract to support economic development, employment and road upgrading in Tunisia.



[Statement following the Intersessional Meeting of the Kimberley Process on Diamonds \(24/06/11\)](#)

Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton following the Intersessional Meeting of the Kimberley Process, 20-24/06/11, Kinshasa: "The EU wishes to reiterate its desire to find a way forward for the Kimberley Process that includes Zimbabwe and preserves the credibility of the process ..."

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