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### **EU-South Africa Ministerial Troika Meeting Ljubljana, Slovenia, 3 June 2008**

***South Africa and the European Union held a Ministerial Troika Meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. This was the third to take place since the launch of the EU-SA Strategic Partnership in 2007.***

The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa, and H.E. Mr Dimitrij Rupel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, President of the Council of the European Union. The European Commission was represented by Commissioner Louis Michel (Development and Humanitarian Aid).

The EU-SA Ministerial Troika meeting took place in the lead-up to the EU-SA Summit planned for 25 July 2008 in Bordeaux, France. Issues on the agenda included:

- The implementation of the Joint Action Plan of the EU-SA Strategic Partnership;
- Economic Partnership Agreements, the WTO and the Doha round of trade negotiations;
- The implementation of the Joint EU-Africa Strategy;
- The situations in the Great Lakes Region, Darfur, Somalia and Zimbabwe.

EU Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Lodewijk Briët, having attended the meeting, noted: "It is satisfying that this meeting dealt with concrete and current concerns. Its outcome leaves me with a sense of achievement in that we, jointly, were able to move forward on a number of issues, including energy, migration and the environment, in anticipation of the upcoming July summit."

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