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Non-legislative activities

3. Current Affairs

The Council took note of the information provided by the High Representative on the outlook for the December European Council, Bolivia, Libya, Hong Kong, Iran/JCPOA and the Republic of Moldova.

4. EU-Africa relations, with a view to preparations for the forthcoming EU-AU ministerial and summit-level meetings

Exchange of views

The Council had a forward-looking discussion on EU-Africa relations that will feed into the preparations of a new comprehensive EU strategy on Africa. The Ministers agreed on the need for a comprehensive strategy, to be prepared together with the African partners, and covering a broad range of issues related to the EU-Africa relationship, including digital, youth and climate.

5. Promoting and protecting human rights in the world, particularly in view of the Human Rights Day

Exchange of views

The Council had an exchange of views on a broad range of human rights issues, also with a view to the upcoming renewed Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy. The Council also reached agreement in principle on a future establishment of an EU global human rights sanctions regime.

6. Any other business

The Hungarian delegation informed the Council about the Hungarian initiative at the UN for an **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Communist Dictatorships**.

The Italian delegation informed the Council of the outcome of the **MED - Mediterranean Dialogues Conference** held in Rome 5-7 December 2019.

The Irish delegation debriefed the Council about a ministerial visit to the **Middle East**.