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Non-legislative activities

3. Current Affairs

The High Representative informed the Council on the latest developments in **Venezuela** and supported Juan Guaidó as President of the National Assembly; on the situation on **Bolivia**; and gave a debrief of his visit to **India** on 16-17 January 2020 and the meetings held, including to prepare the 15th EU-India Summit.

The Council was debriefed by Germany on the outcome of the **Berlin Conference** and held an exchange of views on the way forward.

4. Sahel

Exchange of views

Member States discussed the security situation in the Sahel region and had an exchange of views on the mandate and scope of existing EU Training Missions. Support to G5 Sahel countries, including to local armed forces, was seen as an essential component to help stabilise the overall situation.

5. Climate diplomacy

Exchange of views

Conclusions

5191/20

Adoption

The Council held an exchange of views on possible lines of action and diplomatic outreach in support of climate objectives. The Council adopted conclusions as set out in doc. 5191/20.

6. Any other business

The Council held an exchange of views on the unauthorised/illegal drilling in the Eastern Mediterranean raised by Cyprus, and agreed on a statement to the Council minutes.

Statements to the non-legislative "B" items set out in 5217/20

Ad "B" item 6: **Any other business**

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL

"In light of the new Turkish illegal drilling in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus, the Council invites the relevant Working Party to expedite and finalise its work as regards the listings of natural persons and entities involved in the aforesaid illegal activities."
