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Non-legislative activities

3. Current Affairs

<u>The Council</u> had a short discussion on the EU engagement with the region with a view to the upcoming EU-G5 Sahel Leaders' meeting on 26 March 2020.

<u>High Representative Borrell</u> debriefed on his recent visit to Belgrade and Pristina and shared his impressions and conclusions.

Venezuela: The High Representative referred to the latest developments in the country and to the forthcoming outreach trip to the region by the Special Envoy, Enrique Iglesias.

The Council held a brief exchange of views on latest developments with regard to Syria and the Middle East Peace Process.

4. EU-AU relations

Exchange of views

<u>Ministers</u> **exchanged on** the future **of** EU Africa **relations** and **the** outreach to African partners. They broadly supported the outline of the upcoming Joint Communication on the matter and requested to be closely involved in the further preparatory process.

5. Libva

Exchange of views

<u>The Council</u> held an exchange of views on the situation in Libya and reached a political agreement on a new EU CSDP **operation** with a focus on **the** implementation of the UN arms embargo.

6. EU-India relations

Exchange of views

Point not taken for lack of time.

7. Any other business

The <u>High Representative</u> announced that the fourth Brussels Conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region will be held during the first semester of 2020.

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