


The ACP celebrates the centenary of Nelson Mandela's birth

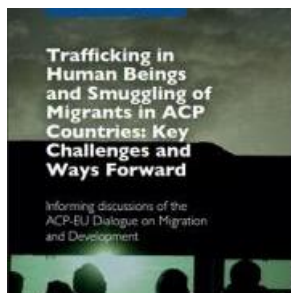


"During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

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New Publication on Trafficking in Human Beings and Smuggling of Migrants in ACP Countries



Trafficking in human beings (THB) and smuggling of migrants (SoM), two distinct but often interrelated phenomena, occur on a global scale. Searching for a way out of economic inequalities, environmental crises, armed conflict, political instability and persecution, and in view of tightening border controls and restricted options for legal migration, migrants are driven to seek the services of smugglers.

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The ACP Secretary General Dr. Patrick Gomes welcomes the authorization by EU Council to commence negotiations for a new ambitious ACP EU Partnership.



BRUSSELS ACP/IDN – The heads of state or government of the 28 EU member states, constituting the European Council, have authorized the European Commission to open negotiations for a new partnership agreement with 79 countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP). The Group's Secretary-General Dr. Patrick I. Gomes has greeted the decision.

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Statement by Prime Minister of Fiji, H.E. Mr Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, during a Special Meeting of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors, June 22 2018


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Madame Chairperson of the Committee of Ambassadors, Secretary-General of the ACP Group, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Bula Vinaka and a very good afternoon to you all.

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Statement by Minister Ekaterina Zaharieva, representing the Council of the European Union at the 35th session of the Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly


Brussels, 20 June 2018

Honourable Co-Presidents, Distinguished members of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Ladies and Gentlemen,



It is an honour and a great pleasure for me to be here today, to participate in this 35th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, and to represent the Council of the European Union at the request of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini.

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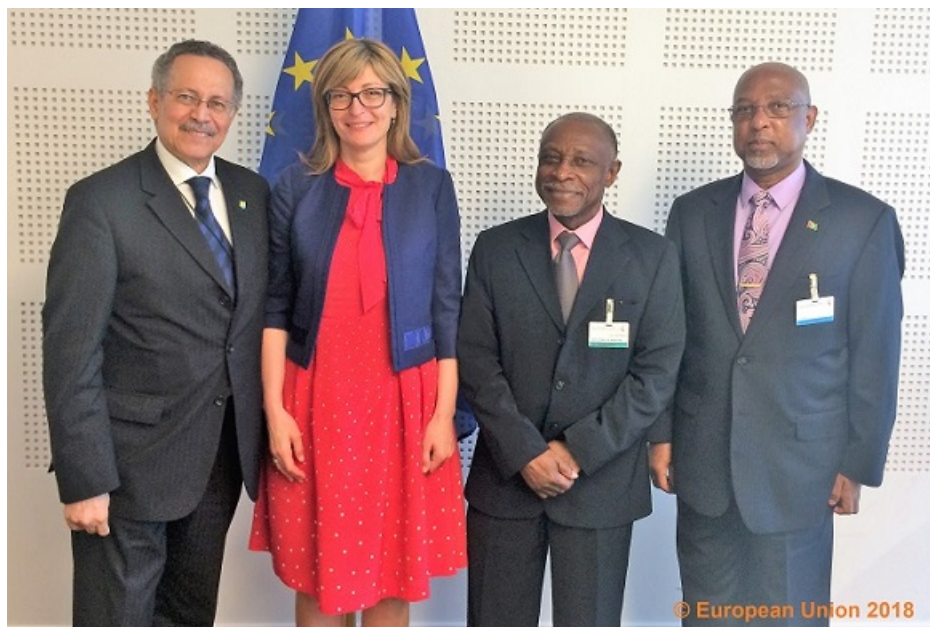
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Statement by the Honourable Carl B. Greenidge, Vice President and

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guyana, on behalf of president-in-office of the ACP Council of Ministers at the 35th session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

Brussels, 20 June 2018

Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly – Hon. Louis Michel, and Co-President, Hon. Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono, Hon. President-in-Office of the EU Council, Ekaterina Zaharieva, Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Members of the JPA, Distinguished guests



Thank you for the opportunity of addressing you on the occasion of the 35th Session of your Assembly.

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Statement by Secretary General Patrick I. Gomes at the 50th session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly



Brussels, ACP House, 15th June 2018

Hon. Joseph Owona Kono, President of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly, Honourable Members, Excellencies, ACP Ambassadors & Representatives of Missions, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Guests –members of the ACP extended family especially those who have travelled from so far to be here at ACP House.

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ACP-EU Technical Seminar on Trafficking in Human Beings, with special

focus on Women and Children



An *ACP-EU Technical Seminar on Trafficking in Human Beings, with special focus on Women and Children* has just ended at the ACP Secretariat, where delegates gathered to share views and make recommendations on the way forward in combatting this social affliction.

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35th session of the Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly - Statement by Commissioner Neven Mimica



Your Excellencies, Honourable Members, Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After a couple of years, I am **very happy to attend** the Joint Parliamentary Assembly back here to Brussels. In my brief opening remarks I would like to focus on the **important progress** we have made on a **few key files** since we were last together in Port-au-Prince in December **ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

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Opening Ceremony of the 35th session of the Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly - Statement by Honourable Joseph Owona Kono, ACP Co-President



Brussels, Belgium, 19 June 2018

Your Excellency – Yuri Sterk, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Hon. Louis Michel, Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Distinguished Colleagues and invited guests,

I thank you for the honour and privilege of addressing this session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. I wish to place on record the appreciation of ACP Members, and indeed of the ACP Group, to the European Parliament for offering to host these meetings.

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