



Foreign Affairs Council, 3199th meeting (Defence): round table

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On 19 November 2012, Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, chaired the 3199th meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council, in Brussels. The Council welcomed the formation of the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces and considered them legitimate representatives of the aspirations of the Syrian people. This agreement represents a major step towards the necessary unity of the Syrian opposition. At the same time, the Council reiterated its full support to the efforts of Joint Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi in finding a political solution to the crisis. The Council took stock of developments in the Middle East Peace Process. It expressed its grave concern about the situation in Gaza and Israel and deeply regretted the loss of civilian life on both sides. It called for an urgent de-escalation and cessation of hostilities. In their six-monthly meeting within the Council, EU Defence Ministers discussed the state of play concerning the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and adopted conclusions on military capability development. The Council also established the 2013 budget for the European Defence Agency. As far as CSDP operations are concerned, the Council noted progress in the preparation of a military mission to support the reorganisation and training of the Malian armed forces. This video shows extracts of the round table of the meeting of the EU Ministers for Defence.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Patrick de Rousiers, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee (EUMC)	00:00:04
10:00:09	Cutaway of a participant	00:00:04
10:00:14	Patrick de Rousiers	00:00:05
10:00:19	Claude-France Arnould, Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA)	00:00:05
10:00:25	Vytautas Umbrasas, Lithuanian Vice-Minister for National Defence, Alan Shatter, Irish Minister for Justice and Equality, and Demetris Eliades, Cypriot Minister for Defence	00:00:04
10:00:29	Cutaway of photographers	00:00:03
10:00:33	Claude-France Arnould	00:00:03
10:00:37	General view of the meeting	00:00:03
10:00:40	Claude-France Arnould and Patrick de Rousiers	00:00:05

10:00:46	Giampaolo di Paola, Italian Minister for Defence, and Jeannine Hennis-Plasschaert, Dutch Minister for Defence	00:00:04
10:00:50	General view of the meeting	00:00:05
10:00:56	Cutaway of a participant	00:00:05
10:01:01	General view of the meeting	00:00:05
10:01:07	José Pedro Aguiar-Branco, Portuguese Minister for National Defence (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:01:17	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:03
10:01:21	General view of the meeting	00:00:04
10:01:25	Cutaway of participants	00:00:05
10:01:31	Norbert Darabos, Austrian Federal Minister for Defence and Sports	00:00:02
10:01:33	Claude-France Arnould	00:00:04
10:01:38	Cutaway of photographers	00:00:06
10:01:44	Jeannine Hennis-Plasschaert	00:00:04
10:01:49	General view of the meeting	00:00:03
10:01:53	Panos Panagiotopoulos, Greek Minister for Defence (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:02:04	Cutaway of the participants	00:00:04
10:02:08	Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Defence (2 shots)	00:00:11
10:02:20	Cutaway of photographers	00:00:04
10:02:24	Claude-France Arnould	00:00:05
10:02:29	Jeannine Hennis-Plasschaert	00:00:05
10:02:34	Jean-Yves Le Drian and Giampaolo di Paola	00:00:06
10:02:40	General views of the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:02:50	Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and President of the Council (2 shots)	00:00:17
10:03:07	Norbert Darabos, Anu Anguelov, Bulgarian Minister for Defence, and Giampaolo di Paola	00:00:03
10:03:11	Cutaway of a participant	00:00:03
10:03:15	Catherine Ashton	00:00:05
10:03:20	Catherine Ashton and Jeannine Hennis-Plasschaert (2 shots)	00:00:08

10:03:29	Jean-Yves Le Drian (2 shots)	00:00:12
10:03:41	Claude-France Arnould and Catherine Ashton	00:00:03
10:03:44	General views of the meeting (2 shots)	00:00:10

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