

EU-Tunisia Association Council: arrivals, roundtable and extracts from the press conference

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On 19 November, EU-Tunisia Association Council is gathering Rafik Abdessalem, Tunisian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus and President-in-office of the Council. EU-Tunisia relationship emphasizes close cooperation on democratic reform, economic modernization, and migration issues, under the European Neighbourhood Policy. Tunisia and the EU are bound by the legally binding treaty in the form of an Association agreement.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	SOUNDBITE (in Arabic) Rafik Abdessalem, Tunisian Foreign Minister, arriving and answering questions	00:02:24
00:02:29	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:03
00:02:32	Rafik Abdessalem, Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy and Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus and President-in-office of the Council (2 shots)	00:00:13
00:02:45	Rafik Abdessalem (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:02:57	Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis and Štefan Füle	00:00:07
00:03:04	Rafik Abdessalem (3 shots)	00:00:21
00:03:25	Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis (2 shots)	00:00:10
00:03:35	Rafik Abdessalem and Tonio Borg, Maltese Minister for Foreign Affairs	00:00:07
00:03:42	Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis and Tonio Borg	00:00:07
00:03:49	Tonio Borg	00:00:04
00:03:53	Štefan Füle	00:00:06

00:03:59	Tonio Borg and Spanish delegation	00:00:07
00:04:06	Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis and Štefan Füle	00:00:04
00:04:10	Rafik Abdessalem (3 shots)	00:00:23
00:04:33	General view of the meeting (3 shots)	00:00:19
00:04:52	General view of the room	00:00:04
00:04:56	general view of hte speakers	00:00:04
00:05:00	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis: We are here today to reaffirm the privilege partnership between Tunisia and the European Union as symbolize by our political agreement of the new EU-Tunisia action plan. Our new action plan will give to the EU a political tool to support the Tunisian progress to democracy in the years to come.	00:00:30
00:05:30	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Štefan Füle I am glad to report that we have agreed to embark on the excel negotiations on the open sky agreement following the meeting with Commissioner Kallas with the Tunisian transport minister last week. We are convinced that the conclusions of these negotiations will bring substantial benefits for the Tunisian tourism, employment and economy recovery. We hope that the negotiations on trade agreements can also resume quickly. We are offering a prospect of a gradual integration of the Tunisian economy in our internal market.	00:00:41
00:06:11	SOUNDBITE (in English) by Rafik Abdessalem: The relationship between Tunisia and the EU is a strategic one. It is based in a common history, common memory, and strategic conditions of the country of Tunisia. Of course Tunisia is a multidimensional country. We are part of the Maghreb Arab union, we are part of the African continent, but we are Mediterranean as well, and we are related to the EU based in geography and economical interest taking in consideration that more than 80 % of our trade is with European Union.	00:00:38
00:06:49	END	00:00:00