



Visit of Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union, to Štefan Füle: extracts from the joint press briefing

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On 18 January 20103, Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, received Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union, in Brussels. After their meeting, the Officials held a joint press conference. During this press point, they underlined that cooperation between Maghreb and EU is more important than ever in the light of recent events in Mali. They spoke about the launch initiatives in the areas of energy, transport, private sector and rural development.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Joint arrival of Štefan Füle, Member of the EC in charge of Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, and Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union	00:00:06
10:00:11	Soundbite by Štefan Füle (in ENGLISH): Clearly, events in Mali make cooperation with individual Maghreb countries and the Maghreb region as a whole even more relevant. Today with Mr Ben Yahia we have already discussed how we can act to implement at least a part of our proposals, how can we launch concrete initiatives in areas like energy, private sector development, transport, rural development, agriculture and what is also very important - developing stronger links with the civil society.	00:00:54
10:01:05	Cutaway of press	00:00:06
10:01:12	Soundbite by Štefan Füle (in FRENCH) saying that this is their security belt in the South. The Ministers for Interior will gather in February to focus on the security issue. They will build a common platform on security in order that they could tackle this cross border challenge. The aim is that their region won't become the 'new Afghanistan'. They will gather in February to work together in order to make Maghreb a sustainable, stable and peaceful region and not to turn it into the 'new Afghanistan'.	00:01:14

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Departure of Štefan Füle and Habib Ben Yahia

00:00:05

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