



Visit of Yingluck Shinawatra, Thai Prime Minister, to José Manuel Barroso: extracts from the joint press briefing and signature of Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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On 6 March 2013, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, received the visit of Yingluck Shinawatra, Thai Prime Minister, in Brussels. On this occasion, they launched negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the European Union and Thailand. The ambition is to conclude a comprehensive agreement covering tariffs, non-tariff barriers and other trade related issues, such as services, investment, procurement, regulatory issues, competition, and sustainable development. The launch of FTA negotiations marks an important step in EU-Thai relations, already strengthened by a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA). The first negotiating round is expected to take place before the summer break.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Exterior view of the Berlaymont building, in Brussels	00:00:06
10:00:11	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, and Yingluck Shinawatra, Thai Prime Minister, to the joint press briefing and signature of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	00:00:05
10:00:17	Signature of the Partnership Cooperation Agreement in presence of José Manuel Barroso and Yingluck Shinawatra (4 shots)	00:00:52
10:01:09	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): We have finalised the negotiations on the Partnership Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the European Union and Thailand - a significant result after no less than 9 years of negotiations. Subject to endorsement by the European Union Member States, this new Agreement will lift our cooperation to a higher level, better adapted to the current global challenges and our political ambitions.	00:00:24
10:01:34	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:03
10:01:38	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): I am delighted to announce today, together with the Prime Minister of Thailand, the launch of the negotiations on a free trade agreement between the European Union and Thailand. Our bilateral trade amounted in 2011 to almost 30 billion Euros and the EU is also a very important	00:00:40

	<p>... Mr. Barroso, and the EU is also a very important investor in Thailand. I am deeply convinced that this Free Trade Agreement can bring substantial benefits to our already strong trade and investment relations. So, my message today is very clear: we are indeed entering a new era in our relations.</p>	
10:02:18	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:03
10:02:22	<p>Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): It is my pleasure to present you with this certificate of Khao Hom Mali Thung Kula Ronghai. This is the first Thai Geographical Indication that the European Union recognises and also the first ever for a product from Southeast Asia.</p>	00:00:40
10:03:02	Cutaway of press	00:00:03
10:03:05	<p>Soundbite by Yingluck Shinawatra (in ENGLISH): The European Union is a very important partner of Thailand. Our trade volume with EU Member States makes nearly 10% of Thailand's total external trade. Every year, over 5.5 million EU citizens visit Thailand. Also investments between us continue to grow and cover many sectors.</p>	00:00:26
10:03:32	General view of the speakers	00:00:03
10:03:35	<p>Soundbite by Yingluck Shinawatra (in ENGLISH): The PCA will provide a framework for our future bilateral cooperation at all level. Based on shared value and interests, both sides will now need to go through the international process with the view to sign the agreement as soon as possible. President Barroso and I are also pleased with the positive step taken by both sides to start formal negotiations on the EU free trade agreement (FTA). The FTA will be an important tool to boost our trade and investments as well as create mutual growth and jobs.</p>	00:00:43
10:04:19	José Manuel Barroso and Yingluck Shinawatra shaking hands and leaving the press room	00:00:08