



Myanmar/EU Task Force

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On 13 November 2013, Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC, was in Yangon, in Myanmar/Burma, to take part in the opening reception of the first EU/Myanmar/Burma Task Force that would take place in Yangon and Naypyidaw from 13 to 15 November. Soe Thein, Minister of the President's Office of Myanmar/Burma, and Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Industry and Entrepreneurship, were also present at the reception. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide comprehensive support to the transition in Myanmar/Burma by bringing together all of the tools and mechanisms – both political and economic (development aid, peace process support, investments) – available to the EU.



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| TIME | DESCRIPTION | DURATION |
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| 10:00:00 | Title | 00:00:05 |
| 10:00:05 | Views of the reception at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel in Yangon, Myanmar/Burma (3 shots) | 00:00:11 |
| 10:00:16 | Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC, and Soe Thein, Minister of the President's Office of Myanmar/Burma, on the stage (3 shots) | 00:00:12 |
| 10:00:29 | SOUNDBITE by Catherine Ashton (in ENGLISH) saying that this is a combination of celebration and expectation; people attending the ceremony have come to celebrate the progress of this wonderful country and the recognition of the journey that Myanmar has decided to undertake; they also came with a sense of expectation, expectation that is matched by the people, by the government, by civil society in Myanmar too, expectation of what can be and what will be. | 00:00:39 |
| 10:01:09 | Cutaways of the reception (2 shots) | 00:00:10 |

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| 10:01:19 | SOUNDBITE by Catherine Ashton (in ENGLISH) saying that she talked with Thein Sein, President of Myanmar/Burma, about the concept of economics meets politics, the importance of opportunity to see economic growth and development and to see investment potential linked to the political journey of this nation, that would enable that economic opportunity to be realized; saying that when she first thought about this idea of a Task Force, it was about bringing those two concepts together; she is absolutely thrilled to have fellow Commissioners with her. | 00:00:35 |
| 10:01:55 | Cutaway of Catherine Ashton and Soe Thein | 00:00:08 |
| 10:02:03 | SOUNDBITE by Soe Thein (in ENGLISH) saying that the Government of Myanmar/Burma is trying to establish a democratic, peaceful and harmonious society; although they have not achieved everything expected, they have come a long way within a short time; saying that he can proudly say that the current socio political and economic situation in Myanmar/Burma is better than a year before; and as time progresses, the situation will get better and better; while they are aware that many challenges lie ahead, they are convinced that with the EU's support, they will find a way to overcome them. | 00:00:48 |
| 10:02:51 | Catherine Ashton and Soe Thein shaking hands | 00:00:03 |
| 10:02:55 | Catherine Ashton and Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Industry and Entrepreneurship (2 shots) | 00:00:07 |
| 10:03:02 | Soe Thein (2 shots) | 00:00:04 |
| 10:03:07 | Ambiance shots of the reception (4 shots) | 00:00:17 |