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## **Tajani meets new President Michelle Bachelet in Chile**

Last night Antonio Tajani, Commission Vice-President in charge of Industry and Entrepreneurship, had a meeting with Michelle Bachelet, the new President of Chile. Tajani is in Chile from 10 to 11 March to represent the European Commission in the inauguration of Michelle Bachelet, who won the presidential election and run-off of 17 November and 15 December 2013.

During their meeting, Tajani congratulated Bachelet for her victory at the polls and reaffirmed Europe's desire to further strengthen the EU's excellent relationship with Chile. Tajani also stressed the EU's commitment to further improve our good economic ties, in light of the fact that the EU is already Chile's second trade partner and its first source of foreign investment.

Bachelet and Tajani agreed to tighten EU-Chile co-operation in the field of education, a priority of the new President. Tajani confirmed the EU's full readiness to co-operate and offered its experience and good practices.

Tajani also proposed to Bachelet a joint event for women entrepreneurs to reinforce co-operation in the field of industrial innovation, to be organised in Chile in the next months.

Concerning security and defence, Bachelet and Tajani agreed that Europe and Chile can work together in the framework of peace missions, such as the one launched ten years ago in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Both stressed the importance of the agreement of 30 January between Chile and the EU to facilitate Chile's participation in other peace missions.

The discussion also touched on other subjects, such as the relations of Chile and the European Union with other countries, especially in Africa and in Latin America, aiming to reinforce political and economic ties.

For more information on UE-Chile relations please see:

[http://eeas.europa.eu/chile/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/chile/index_en.htm)

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