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Democracy and human rights are the European Union's guiding principles and we promote them vigorously in our international cooperation. As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Human rights are the cornerstone of inclusive, vibrant societies in which governments work in the people's interest and to which all are free to contribute. Conversely, when governance fails and human rights are violated, it's the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer most. So overcoming the obstacles that perpetuate human rights violations – combatting discrimination, ensuring the rule of law and building fair and inclusive institutions – is crucial if we are to uphold human dignity, combat poverty, champion equality and prevent conflict.

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