

Statement by Federica Mogherini following the address by Antonio Guterres, at the European Parliament

The visit of the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, to the European Parliament, one week after we celebrated together in New York the European Day, shows how deep the links and how strong the common work between the United Nations and the European Union are. Antonio Guterres delivered a powerful speech on the value of multilateralism and recognised the indispensable contribution the European Union is bringing to it.

In his words, the EU is playing a crucial role on the world stage when it comes to peace and security, development, humanitarian aid, climate change, human rights. The European Union and the United Nations cooperate on many crises from Syria to Libya, from Somalia to the Central African Republic, to Afghanistan. I will welcome the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Amina Mohammed at our Foreign Affairs Council (Development) on Friday in Brussels to work together on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Antonio Guterres paid tribute to the European Union as a vital pillar of a functioning multilateral system, based on cooperation rather than confrontation, and rules that are a guarantee for all in this globalised world.

As EU, we will continue to be a strong and reliable partner for the United Nations, to bring peace and security, promote development and build together a more just and cooperative world order.