

Political Declaration

‘A partnership for the next generation’

1. We, the Heads of State and Government of the European Union (EU) and of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), and the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission, on the occasion of the second EU-CELAC Summit, decide to deepen our long-standing strategic bi-regional partnership based on historical, cultural and human ties, international law, full respect for human rights, common values, and mutual interests.
2. We salute our long standing bi-regional strategic partnership and reaffirm its principles, which remain as valid today as they were 16 years ago, when we held our foundational European Union-Latin America and Caribbean Summit, in Río de Janeiro. We reiterate our commitment to its Declaration and subsequent bi-regional Declarations.
3. We reaffirm our commitment to all the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. We reaffirm our decision to support all efforts to uphold sovereign equality of all States, to respect their territorial integrity and political independence, to uphold the resolution of disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with justice and international law. In our international relations, we undertake to refrain from any conduct that might contravene these principles and to refrain from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations. In this context, with reference to UNGA Resolution A/RES69/5, we recall our opposition to unilateral measures with an extra-territorial effect.
4. We highlight the further progress on European and Latin American and Caribbean cooperation, and welcome the European integration and the CELAC consolidation, noting that CELAC has declared Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace. We see these regional integration processes, political dialogue, cooperation, solidarity, complementarity and the development of national and regional capacities, including open regionalism, for those countries which are interested in its implementation, as fundamental pillars of multilateralism and of a more democratic and inclusive rules based world governance.

5. We commit to work, within the framework of our strategic bi-regional association, in an inclusive manner and on equal terms for both regions, on the issues covered by the EU-CELAC Brussels Declaration “*Shaping our common future: working together for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for our citizens*” and its Action Plan, as well as, and as applicable, on the major international conferences, summits and special sessions on issues of worldwide concern, including particularly the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda to deliver an outcome combining poverty eradication, and sustainable development; the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP21) to achieve a legally binding, global climate agreement that is needed to keep global warming below 2° C or 1.5° C; and the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem in 2016 to work for an integrated and balanced strategy to counter the world drug problem.

6. The importance of international peace and security, the interdependence of our economies, the achievement of prosperity for our people and the vulnerability of our planet demand that we step up our efforts to address these major global challenges respecting the Charter of the United Nations.

7. With the purpose of strengthening our bi-regional dialogue, deepening the mutual relations so they can deliver on their full potential, address legitimate expectations of our peoples, and respond effectively to global challenges, the Heads of State and Government, gathered in Brussels, mandate our Ministers of Foreign Affairs to commit to a comprehensive and inclusive exercise of reflection on the future of the bi-regional relationship including the assessment of the programs and actions adopted by the Summits and on the best way to ensure these common objectives. The results of this exercise will be presented during the bi-regional meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs that will be held in 2016.

8. Guided by these common values and vision, we renew our strategic partnership and commit to continue working together for achieving more prosperous, cohesive, inclusive and sustainable societies, for the sake of our peoples and future generations.

Brussels, June 11th, 2015.