

High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini speaks to new UN Special Envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen

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Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, had a phone call conversation this afternoon with the new United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen, at the start of his mandate.

The High Representative reiterated the continued full support of the European Union for the Geneva UN-led peace process for Syria, which is key to the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 2254, with a credible political transition in Syria as the only sustainable long term solution to the conflict. The High Representative and the Special Envoy touched upon the modalities through which the European Union can support this process, including in the run up to the Brussels III Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region in spring. The High Representative mentioned in this context the important role that Syrian civil society and women's platforms play for the future of Syria.

The High Representative invited the new Special Envoy to Brussels at his earliest opportunity and they agreed to stay in close contact.