Press release on the meeting between HR/VP Federica Mogherini and the King of Jordan H.E. Abdullah II, Brussels 16/03/2016

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Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, met today in Brussels with the King of Jordan H.E. Abdullah II to reaffirm the EU engagement with Jordan and to discuss the political and security situation in the region. HR/VP Mogherini highlighted the EU's will to strengthen and broaden the longstanding EU-Jordan partnership in light of the challenging domestic and regional situation.

HR/VP Mogherini and the King discussed efforts taken forward since the London pledging conference on Syria in order to build up the countries' resilience and capacity to face the consequences of the crisis while developing its own economy.

HR/VP Mogherini and King Abdallah II also exchanged views on the situation in the region. On Syria, HR/VP Mogherini stressed the need for a political solution and underlined Jordan's key and constructive approach to the crisis and the common work in the International Syria Support Group process and to support the Geneva talks.

As regards the Middle East Peace Process, the HR/VP has reaffirmed that a consolidated engagement by the international community remains crucial and that preventing escalation and violence on the ground remains a priority. In this regards, she commended the King's personal commitment to create conditions for a renewed political horizon.

The meeting took place ahead of the HR/VP's visit in Jordan next week.

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