



## EU-Mexico negotiations on new accord announced as Mogherini visits Mexico

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Federica Mogherini (left) with Mexico's Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu

The revision of the Global Accord between the EU and Mexico was at the centre point of a visit by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini to Mexico City on 24-25 May.

During the visit she held talks with President Enrique Peña Nieto, Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Interior minister Angel Osorio Chong, Attorney General Arely Gómez as well as participating at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) with Alicia Barcena.

After meeting Ms Ruiz Massieu, the High Representative told the press that the EU and Mexico would in June commence negotiations on the new accord which would strengthen the bilateral cooperation.

Mogherini summarised the agreement saying: "The agreement we are going to negotiate

and upgrade is a global agreement, not only because Mexico and the EU are important global actors and strong partners, but also because the scope of our partnership is somehow global. It covers so many aspects and it is so important for all our people that we perfectly understand that we need to bring it to this century."

Trade and economic exchanges for example: "More than 40% of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Mexico comes from the European Union and we want to even increase that." said Mogherini, "since the entry into force of the free trade agreement, in 15 years, trade between the EU and Mexico increased over 230% and EU investments reached \$156bn USD tells you what we have already achieved under the previous agreement."

The new text, she went on, "will allow us to increase and deepen our cooperation in an even more beneficial way for both the people of Mexico and the people of Europe."

And on top of the agenda of the bilateral cooperation there will human rights and rule of law, Mogherini stressed "Human Rights, Rule of Law are a fundamental part of our common work and our dialogue, and in our common action in the world because we share a common global action for the promotion of Human Rights", Mogherini insisted.

The EU, she said, supported the continuing search and investigation into the kidnapping and subsequent murder of 43 students in Iguala in 2014.

In her address to the Eclac meeting, Mogherini insisted on the tight links and common agenda of Europe and Latin America. "We share the same values, the same vision for a more equal world. We share the vision of a more multilateral world, where all continents and all peoples have a say, and contribute to global governance", she said "in a more chaotic world, Europe and the Americas can be a pole of attraction for stability, equality and sustainable growth. We can be the engine of change, for a more just and equitable change".

#### Links:

- Video: Federica Mogherini in Mexico <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/player.cfm?sitelang=en&ref=I121531>
- Photos from visit <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/photo/photoDetails.cfm?sitelang=en&ref=031607#23>
- EU Delegation to Mexico [http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/mexico/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/mexico/index_en.htm)
- EU-Mexico relations [http://eeas.europa.eu/mexico/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/mexico/index_en.htm)
- Remarks by the HR/VP Federica Mogherini at the Joint press conference with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Claudia Ruiz Massieu [http://eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2016/160525\\_02\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/statements-eeas/2016/160525_02_en.htm)
- Video of Eclac meeting <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/player.cfm?ref=I121531>
- Press conference with Federica Mogherini and Mexico's Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu : <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/video/player.cfm?ref=I121534>

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