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High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini meeting with Ukrainian President Poroshenko

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High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini met with the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko as part of the President's visit to Brussels on 27 August 2015.

President Poroshenko, who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin, provided an update on the security situation in eastern Ukraine, where the recent escalation of fighting was of particular concern, as well as harassment of the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission by separatists.

High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini underlined the European Union's continued support for the full implementation of the Minsk agreements, starting with respect for the ceasefire and the withdrawal of heavy weapons. The EU would continue its support notably for the OSCE, the facilitation of ongoing trilateral discussions with Ukraine and Russia on energy security and continuing trilateral talks on the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement's provisions on a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area.

The High Representative welcomed President Poroshenko's update regarding the country's progress on constitutional reform enabling decentralisation, as well the announcement of an agreement reached between Ukraine and its ad-hoc creditor committee on debt, which should allow for the continued vigorous pursuit of economic and political reforms. Both the President and the High Representative hoped for further rapid progress on the path to visa-free travel between Ukraine and the EU.

High Representative Mogherini reiterated her position for the release of Nadiya Savchenko, Oleg Sentsov, Oleksandr Kolchenko and other Ukrainian prisoners in the Russian Federation and their safe return to Ukraine.

The High Representative accepted the President's invitation to visit again Ukraine in the near future.

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