



Statement by Commissioner Piebalgs for the Third Ministerial Meeting of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding

I welcome the substantial progress that has been made in implementing the New Deal provisions and I would like to congratulate the g7+ countries for their leadership. Since Busan, the EU has taken up the challenge based on effective support for peace-building and state-building goals. In line with the Communication and Council conclusions on «Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy, an Agenda for Change», we will further differentiate our partnerships with developing countries. This means that in the future, bilateral allocations for poverty reduction will be reduced for more advanced countries to focus on countries where our aid makes a real and substantial difference.

The EU will notably help countries in situations of fragility to establish functioning and accountable institutions that deliver basic services and support poverty reduction. Our new budget support policy should help us in doing this; particularly through using the new state-building contracts in fragile situations and to support democratic transition.

We are currently preparing programming for the next 7 years in more than 130 countries in the world including the 10 New Deal pilot countries, the countries of the International Dialogue, and other countries that are on the path of becoming resilient. In our programming we will implement the principles of the New Deal and the principles of engagement in fragile countries. We are also preparing a new EU Results Framework for our development programmes. In this context we intend to include elements of the peace-building and state-building indicators framework developed by the g7+. We very much value the work undertaken to date.

But the EU is already active in the New Deal implementation:

- In Central African Republic for instance, we are supporting the stabilisation process.
- As of December 2012 we are a New Deal partner for Somalia. We are looking forward to working together with the Somali government and other bilateral and multilateral donors with a view to agreeing on a New Deal Compact by the Brussels conference in mid-September.
- Lately, we have expressed our commitment to become a partner for the New Deal in Timor Leste, joining our support with Australia's efforts.

We strongly believe that working together with other donors is key for the success of the New Deal in order to reduce the burden on our partner countries. We would like to invite all donors to partner us in building staff skills jointly, holding training, and team building so as to be more effective and coordinated in supporting the partner country's efforts. At the same time, EU is looking forward to contributing to developing a post-2015 framework with the objective of ensuring a decent life for all – ending the poverty and giving the world a sustainable future, as spelled out in the recent Communication of the European Commission.

We believe that peace and security issues should be addressed in the context of the post-2015 overarching framework, and one of the starting points should be the work already done at the Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. This should build on the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.

I would like to commend the countries from the g7+ group for their leadership and determination in making the New Deal a reality for the benefit of the people.