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## REMARKS

### Remarks by the High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini ahead of the 12th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM)

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I am here in Luxembourg for the ASEM Ministerial Meeting. 51 delegations, that is 60% of the GDP worldwide. It is a real gathering of a huge number and an important number of countries around the world to tackle together the main issues on our common agenda, an international agenda: climate change, the sustainable development goals, security in our regions, both in Asia and around Europe. We have a common agenda. We are going to discuss very much in concrete terms what we can do together to make sure that the future is going to look a little bit better than now.

I have also had in these first hours very important bilateral meetings, first of all with my Japanese colleague, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, who is going to chair the G7 next year. We have defined together the international agenda for the future of these important events. And also with my colleague from Pakistan, Mr Sartaj Aziz, with whom we have discussed not only the situation in the region, the security situation developments in Afghanistan, but also the migration flows that coming to Europe partially also from Pakistan and the need to cooperate also on managing these flows better, including agreements for return and re-admission. And also other important meetings with Indonesia, with Mongolia and others are going to come, Bangladesh, Korea and others.

I have a full agenda. A very intense one day and a half of meetings and I would expect that we will come out with a common strong position that takes us all together.

Journalist: Your meeting with Pakistan on migration?

A very positive one; readiness to cooperate. We already have a bilateral agreement between the EU and Pakistan for return and re-admission. The point is the smooth implementation of the agreements. I found readiness and willingness to cooperate in an operational way and to make sure that returns are happening for real and this is something that we will follow up in the coming weeks to make sure that this happens.

Thank you! Now I have to start the greetings of 51 delegations.

Link to the Video:

<http://www.eu2015lu.eu/en/espace-media/galerie-video/11-05-06-asem/05-doorsteps/mogherini/index.html>

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