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THE EU AND FLOOD RECOVERY: LESSONS LEARNT FOR THE NEXT DISASTER IN PAKISTAN

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**Venue: European External Action Service, 9a Rond-Point Schuman, Brussels
EEAS Press Briefing Room (Ground floor)**

Following the worst floods in Pakistan's history the resulting complex needs of the population were supported through various EU assistance measures. One such measure was the EU exceptional assistance measure funded through the Instrument for Stability (IfS) and implemented by Internews Europe and UNDP.

With the project having come to an end a few months previously, the objective of the 26th June event "The EU and Flood recovery: lessons learnt for the next disaster in Pakistan" is for key interlocutors to come together and assess the impact and effectiveness of this action with a view to establishing and agreeing some concrete lessons learned that extend beyond the immediate realms of the project. These would, in turn, serve to inform any future actions for key actors in the region. The timeliness of the event is of particular pertinence given that the region is now anticipating a further disruptive monsoon season in 2013.

The panel discussion will be relayed by the screening of two short documentaries and will be debated within a Q&A session.

The event will also inaugurate the photo exhibition illustrating the efforts led by the EU Instrument for Stability (IfS) in the context of the Floods Recovery in Pakistan in the last three years. The photo exhibition will be held at the ground floor of the EEAS building, Rond-point Schuman 9A, under the auspices of HR/VP Ashton and of the IfS.

DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome 10:00 – 10:15	Tung-Lai Margue, Director, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), EC
Session I 10:15 – 10:45	<p>EU strategy on the response to major emergencies</p> <p>The aim of the session is to present the main aspects of the EU strategy on the response to major emergencies (natural disasters), including good practices as well as lessons learned, compared to the 2010 response to floods in Pakistan. Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How far has the EU gone in responding to the floods in Pakistan? - What do the outcomes of EU funded projects tell us about achievements and how to build on them, and about outstanding challenges and how to address them? - How can the process of coordinating efforts be designed so that it becomes a collective exercise for the EU and its stakeholders?
Session II 10:45 – 11:15	<p>Case studies on the implementation of EU funds to respond to the 2010 floods and to prepare for the next emergency in Pakistan</p> <p>The aim of the session is to present the main aspects of the involvement of EU stakeholders on the response to the floods in Pakistan, including good practices, lessons learned and experience sharing from local beneficiaries.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tom Skirrow, Head of region Asia, Save the children ▪ Marc Andre Franche, Country Director Pakistan, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
Session III 11:45 – 12:15	<p>Response and preparedness to major emergencies through media and technology.</p> <p>The aim of the session is to discuss about the role of media and technology in crisis management.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ludo De Bock, Sr. Director EU & NATO, Microsoft Corporation ▪ Thomas Baerthlein, Director, Conflict and Stabilisation

	Programme, Internews Europe ▪ Nomita Gul, Reporter, Kawish Television Network
Q&A Session 12:15 – 12:45	Open discussion on the previous sessions.
Closing remarks and photo exhibition opening 12:45 – 13:00	Tung-Laï Margue, Director, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), EC The closing remarks will be followed by the inauguration of the photo exhibition illustrating the efforts led by the EU Instrument for Stability (IfS) in the context of the Floods Recovery in Pakistan.
