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Renewing political commitments: the 3rd UfM Regional Forum

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The forum provided ministers with the opportunity to assess the state of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation ten years after the UfM’s launch, as well as to highlight where the organisation needs to redouble its efforts to meet current and future challenges. Ministers took stock of the state of implementation of the UfM roadmap and committed to building on the momentum behind the Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

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