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10th UfM Regional Forum

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Co-Presidency Joint Statement

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Euro-Mediterranean region convened in Barcelona their Tenth Regional Forum of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) on 28 November 2025 under the Co-Presidency of the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. They discussed the Euro-Mediterranean shared opportunities, and regional cooperation and the geopolitical challenges to achieving stability and prosperity in the region. They marked the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Process, which was founded on the goals to achieve peace, more regional integration, peace and prosperity.

Ministers thanked the host country Spain, the UfM Secretariat and the Co-Presidency.

They commended the UfM's new Vision Statement – "Reconnecting the Mediterranean: Back to the Core, Forward with Ambition" - which focuses on enhancing connectivity through education, mobility, research and skills development as well regional cooperation in the domains of energy, water security, trade, investment, infrastructure and digital. In this context, Ministers also welcomed the Pact for the Mediterranean "One Sea, One Pact, One Future".

The Ministers welcomed the efforts of all UfM stakeholders including the Secretariat, the Senior Officials and the Co-Presidency to reform and modernize the Organisation and to ensure it stays dynamic, relevant and fit for purpose. Thirty years after the Barcelona Declaration, it is time to revive the spirit of partnership and shared purpose. Ministers called for a more agile and reformed UfM to foster stronger regional cooperation contributing to prosperity and stability and to deliver tangible results for the peoples in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The UfM Ministers welcomed the UNSC Resolution 2803 and the U.S. President Donald Trump's Comprehensive Plan to end the war in Gaza, establishing a ceasefire and that has permitted the release of all hostages. They emphasized that the Gaza ceasefire must be upheld and that negotiations to implement the second phase of the plan must begin. They urged unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza and stressed that humanitarian organisations must be allowed to operate in Gaza will full protection and in accordance with international law. The Ministers emphasized that a credible and irreversible path to achieve a just and lasting peace on the basis of the Two-State solution must be created. They firmly opposed all attempts to impose Israeli sovereignty over the Occupied Palestinian Territories.







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Ministers expressed grave concern over the escalating situation in the West Bank, rejecting and condemning annexation, settlers' violence, unilateral acts, expansion of settlements or any expulsion or displacement of Palestinians from Gaza or the West Bank as well as any violent attacks. They demanded that all measures that undermine the Two-State Solution be stopped immediately. They underlined that the legal and historical status quo of holy sites in Jerusalem must be respected, including with regards to the Hashemite custodianship. They emphasized the centrality of the role of the UN and its agencies, notably UNRWA, which provides irreplaceable support to the civilian population, both in Gaza and the wider region.

Ministers welcomed the full re-integration of Syria in the UfM. They stressed the support for the Syrian Government and its efforts to rebuild Syria on ground that guarantee its security, stability, unity and sovereignty and the safety and rights of all its citizens and that will be conducive for the sustainable voluntary return of Syrian refugees. They emphasized the need to keep supporting refugees and host countries. They endorsed, and called for the full implementation of the Roadmap, announced by Jordan, Syria and the United States to end the crisis in Suwayda and stabilising Southern Syria.

The Ministers expressed support for the security, stability and sovereignty of Lebanon and for the Lebanese government in its efforts to ensure the revitalisation of all state Institutions and to restore the State monopoly of the possession of arms. They urged full adherence to the cessation of hostilities of November 2024.

The Ministers reiterated their commitment to continue to work together for a future of peace, cooperation and stability.