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Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development  
Development Coordination East and Southern Africa  
**The Director**

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**Subject: petition to urge the EU to advance stronger partnership with Eritrea**


Dear Petitioners,

On behalf of the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, I would like to thank you for your messages in which you urge to advance a stronger partnership between Eritrea and the European Union.

I am pleased to inform you that on 11 December 2015, the Commission has adopted the decision related to the National Indicative Programme for Eritrea until 2020.

For more detailed information, please consult the press release issued on this occasion:  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-6298\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6298_en.htm).

Yours sincerely,



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