

Progress towards the achievement of the millenium development goals: mid-term review in preparation of the UN high-level meeting in September 2010

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The Council held a policy debate to prepare the EU position for the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) review summit, which will take place in New York in September 2010.

The purpose of the discussion was to identify key messages for conclusions to be adopted at the June Foreign Affairs Council. These conclusions will contain the EU's position and political messages for the UN event in New York.

The MDGs constitute the first ever set of shared development goals at international level. World leaders agreed in 2000 to take decisive action to combat world poverty in its different dimensions by 2015, using time-bound and measurable targets.