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The New Pact for the Mediterranean (the New Pact)¹ is a strategic priority of the Commission, a renewed and ambitious effort to deepen cooperation with the EU's Southern partners² and turn the region into a shared space of stability, prosperity and security. It will be founded on a partnership of equals, with a pragmatic approach focused on concrete initiatives and delivering real tangible benefits for people.

This New Pact will endeavour to promote a unified and coherent strategy that reflects and respects the mutual interests of Member States and partners in the region, while meticulously adapting to the distinct regional characteristics and complexities, acknowledging that a one-size-fits-all strategy would not suffice. It will build on the foundations of pre-existing frameworks governing the partnership between the EU and the 10 countries pertaining to the Southern Neighbourhood, in particular the Agenda for the Mediterranean³ as well as the related economic and investment plan, and target different areas of partnership, while also refocusing them on the most strategic initiatives arising from thorough consultations.

This will be done by taking into account both bilateral and regional strands of cooperation and in complementarity with the strategic and comprehensive partnerships in place. These efforts thrive on collaboration and joint ownership, collective and cross-regional action, and the creation of concrete and innovative solutions. In some instances, initiatives which are implemented through bilateral partnerships may well be upscaled regionally, to allow the whole region to benefit from positive bilateral developments.

¹ https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/what-we-do_en#new-pact-for-the-mediterranean.

² Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* (this designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue), Syria and Tunisia.

³ Joint Communication Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood – A new agenda for the Mediterranean:

https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/joint_communication_renewed_partnership_southern_neighbourhood.pdf.