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The EU is actively engaged with the international community and the regional stakeholders, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with the aim of reaching a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Sudan. In particular, the situation in Sudan has been discussed by the European External Action Service during the political dialogues and bilateral consultations with the UAE at various levels. The EU Special Representative for the Horn of Africa has been engaging extensively with the UAE and the EU representatives have also raised concerns about reported UAE support to the Rapid Support Forces, while emphasising the importance of the UAE's constructive engagement for reaching a sustainable cease-fire in Sudan.

The EU continues this active engagement, in accordance with the Council Conclusions on Sudan from 20 October 2025¹ and the discussion of the Foreign Affairs Council on 20 November 2025². Accordingly, the EU works in close coordination with the international community, using diplomatic tools and instruments to support the work of the International Criminal Court and of the United Nations in Sudan, while maintaining political dialogue with the UAE, including the Free Trade Agreement negotiations. The EU exercises its trade policy, including with respect to negotiation and implementation of trade agreements, in consistency with other EU external policies. In addition, an enhanced political dialogue will be a key tenet of the future Strategic Partnership Agreement³, reflecting the shared commitment of the EU and the UAE to promoting regional stability and prosperity.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/10/20/sudan-council-approves-conclusions-on-the-ongoing-conflict/>.

² <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/11/20/sudan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-20-november-2025/>.

³ Strategic Partnership Agreements; https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1874.