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### **Signature of a joint declaration on a mobility partnership between the European Union and Cape Verde**

The signature of the joint declaration on a mobility partnership between the European Union and Cape Verde took place in Luxembourg today between *Mr Dragutin Mate, Minister of the Interior of Slovenia, Mr Jacques Barrot, Vice-president of the Commission, Mr Livio Fernandes Lopes, Minister responsible for Home Affairs of Cape Verde*, and representatives from France, Luxembourg, Spain and Portugal.

The objective of Mobility Partnerships is to better manage migration flows. The Mobility Partnership with Cape Verde has wide-ranging objectives, including facilitating legal immigration and fighting against illegal immigration while promoting capacity building. Better managing migration while reinforcing institutional capacity in Cape Verde are common goals to which these dynamic instruments can make an important contribution.

This is one of the very first Mobility Partnerships, another element of the EU commitment towards a truly comprehensive and balanced migration policy.

# **P R E S S**

This agreement represents another step toward closer cooperation in line with the special partnership established in 2007 between the EU and Cape Verde within the framework of the Cotonou Agreement.

The text of the joint declaration can be found in document 9460/08 + ADD2.

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