Priorities
Increase the coherence, effectiveness and visibility of Human rights in EU Foreign Policy.

Contribute to the implementation of the EU Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy.

**Thematic priorities include:**
- advancing the universality of human rights.
- empowering civil society and expanding the space in which they operate.
- promoting key EU human rights priorities, such as the human rights of women, freedom of religion or belief, the rights of LGBTI-persons, abolition of the death penalty, economic, social and cultural rights and freedom of expression offline and online.

Mandate
Mr. Lambrinidis was appointed **EU Special Representative (EUSR)** for Human Rights in July 2012.

Mr Lambrinidis is the EU’s first thematic Special Representative. His appointment follows the adoption of the EU’s Strategic Framework and Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy on 25 July 2012.

Top Facts
Official human rights visits to Egypt, China, Russia, the United States, Bahrain, Indonesia, Myanmar/Burma and South Africa.

Extensive engagement with the UN human rights fora and with regional human rights bodies and mechanisms, including the Council of Europe, ASEAN/AICHR, the African Union, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the League of Arab States.
EUSR: Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights.

UN: In New York with United Nations Secretary General (UNSG) Ban Ki-moon. Discussed EU human rights work and priorities & close cooperation with the UNSG, UN Treaty Bodies and staff. Also present Pierre Vimont, the Sec Gen of the European External Action Service, and Thomas Mayr-Harting, the EU Ambassador to the UN.

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