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The European Union welcomes the ongoing meetings between the two candidates to reach a political agreement on the envisaged government of national unity.

A common understanding among the candidates on the framework of the envisaged government of national unity will help stabilise the situation and strengthen the next government's ability to lead the nation forward.

"I welcome the ongoing talks and encourage Dr. Abdullah Abdullah and Dr. Ashraf Ghani to remain focused on reaching a political agreement. The only sustainable solution is an Afghan one. The candidates should continue working to create a win-win scenario, regardless of who becomes the next president. Otherwise there is a considerable risk that both will be facing a lose-lose situation", said Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin, European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan and Head of the European Union Delegation to Afghanistan.

"By seizing the moment and showing leadership and responsibility the candidates can now regain some of the trust lost during the last difficult weeks", added the European Union Special Representative.

The European Union supports a peaceful transition of power as the basis for a long-term partnership with Afghanistan and calls on both presidential candidates and their supporters to act responsibly and in good faith to help complete the electoral process and respect the final outcome.

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