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Future of the Africa/EU strategic partnership on the eve of 3rd Africa/EU summit

Madam President, at the upcoming EU-Africa summit in Libya, EU leaders will face Meles Zenawi, the prime minister of Ethiopia. Ethiopia is not only the second most populous country in Africa and the headquarters of the African Union, it is also the partner – in terms of the Cotonou Agreement – which has prevented the delivery of the EU election report in Addis Ababa in 2005, and more recently in 2010, in order to avoid exposing the irregularities and the manipulation of the elections.

What good is the talk of democracy, human rights and good governance, which the EU is going to have with African interlocutors, if Meles Zenawi, the dictator of Ethiopia, is the interlocutor for Africa?