

**Meeting between Defense Minister Kono and High Representative of the European Union
(Summary)**

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Japan Ministry of Defense

On February 15, 2020, from 15:00 (local time) for approx. 30 minutes, Defense Minister Kono, who was visiting Germany to attend the 56th Munich Security Conference, held a meeting with H.E. Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission. The summary of the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Remarks

At the beginning of the meeting, Minister Kono stated that he welcomes the reunite with High Representative Borrell since their last meeting about a year ago. They also mentioned the Japan-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement, and welcomed the significant advancement of Japan-EU relations.

In response, High Representative Borrell welcomed the reunite as well, and stated that he would like to promote Japan-EU cooperation.

2. Japan-EU Security Cooperation

They welcomed that the cooperation is advancing especially in the field of maritime security, and shared the view that they would continue to promote concrete defense cooperation and exchanges including joint exercises with EU Atalanta Mission unit.

3. Regional Situation

They exchanged views on issues such as security situations in the Indo-Pacific region.

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