

Cuba, EU to hold second Joint Council meeting in Havana

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The European Union (EU)'s top diplomat Federica Mogherini has begun an official visit to Cuba to attend the second EU-Cuba Joint Council meeting, Cuba's Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

The meeting will kick off on Monday in Cuba's capital city Havana. The Cuban delegation would be led by Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez.

During the meeting, both parties will review the implementation of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement which was signed in 2016 between Cuba and the EU, according to Cuba's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides will also discuss trade and investment, and the U.S. Helms-Burton Act, which was reactivated earlier this year as Washington tightens sanctions against Havana.

The first EU-Cuba Joint Council meeting was held in Brussels in 2018, when Mogherini and Rodriguez signed a cooperation agreement.