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## **KAZAKHSTAN-EU RELATIONS ENTERING A NEW STAGE**

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This New Year marks the start of a fresh chapter in the relationship between the European Union and Kazakhstan and on 20 January, the EU-Kazakhstan Cooperation Council will discuss the state of play, writes Mukhtar Tileuberdi.

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The new Enhanced Partnership and Co-operation Agreement (ECPA), which is coming into force, opens the way to both a deepening and expansion of many ties between us at an important moment in Kazakhstans economic, social and political development.

It is why it is an exciting time to be making my first visit to Brussels as Foreign Minister this week. I am determined to do all I can to build on the already strong partnership between Kazakhstan and the EU and ensure new opportunities for increased co-operation are taken.

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