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## 17. Regional Security: Deauville Partnership [186]

### Commitment:

“And we will support the transition of Arab Spring countries across North Africa through the Deauville Partnership working for open economies and inclusive growth.”

*2013 G8 Lough Erne Declaration*

### Assessment:

| Country        | Lack of Compliance | Work in Progress | Full Compliance |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Canada         |                    |                  | +1              |
| France         |                    |                  | +1              |
| Germany        |                    | 0                |                 |
| Italy          |                    |                  | +1              |
| Japan          |                    | 0                |                 |
| Russia         |                    | 0                |                 |
| United Kingdom |                    |                  | +1              |
| United States  |                    |                  | +1              |
| European Union |                    |                  | +1              |
| Average Score  |                    | +0.67            |                 |

### Background:

The Deauville Partnership for Arab Countries in Transition was established at the 2011 G8 Deauville Summit, in response to the events of the Arab Spring across the Middle East and North Africa.

The Partnership was designed to assist reform in Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Libya and Morocco.<sup>1289</sup>

The Partnership is comprised of the G8 members, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan, and Egypt as well as international financial institutions and organizations that have pledged to provide support to the five countries in transition.<sup>1290</sup>

Countries and International Institutions which participate in the Deauville Partnership:

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<sup>1289</sup> Deauville Partnership With Arab Countries in Transition, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 18-19 May 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2012. <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/ecosum/2012g8/deauville/>.

<sup>1290</sup> Deauville Partnership With Arab Countries in Transition, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 18-19 May 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2012. <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/ecosum/2012g8/deauville/>.

| States  | International Financial Institutions and Organizations   | Other International Organizations   |
|---|--|---|
| <i>Countries funded/ supported:</i> Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen<br><i>G8 members:</i> Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, United Kingdom, United States, European Union<br><i>Regional partners:</i> Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates | African Development Bank, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Arab Monetary Fund, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, OPEC Fund for International Development, World Bank | Arab League, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and various United Nations organizations |

The Partnership focuses on two pillars: the first is a political element aimed at supporting democratic transition and reform. The second is an economic framework for fostering stability and growth in the transitioning countries.

At the Camp David Summit, the G8 released a fact-sheet declaring their maintained commitment to the Deauville Partnership and articulating four priority areas in which efforts would be focused: stabilization, job creation, participation/governance, and integration.<sup>1291</sup>

At the Lough Erne Summit of June 2013, the summit communiqué expressed renewed commitment to the economic element of the Partnership.

**Commitment Features:**

This commitment has two elements: working for “open economies” and “inclusive growth.”

The Camp David Fact Sheet on G8 Action on the Deauville Partnership outlines specific measures which members should undertake in order to achieve the Partnership’s goals. Two of the priorities it lists — job creation and integration — correspond to the open-economies and inclusive-growth elements of the commitment reaffirmed at Lough Erne.

The integration priority outlines strategies to open up transition countries’ economies to trade and investment. This includes encouraging or coordinating initiatives with international or regional financial institutions to promote increased trade, coordinating bilateral and regional trade initiatives, facilitating commercial ties with crucial industries in transition countries, and providing technical assistance.<sup>1292</sup>

The job creation priority outlines strategies to allow transition economies to benefit all citizens through job creation and investment. Members can facilitate the creation of a new Transition Fund and a special fund of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for investment in the transition countries, with a focus on improving worker’s skills.<sup>1293</sup>

<sup>1291</sup> Fact Sheet: G-8 Action on the Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition, G8 Research Group, 19 May 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-transition-factsheet.html>.

<sup>1292</sup> Fact Sheet: G-8 Action on the Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition, G8 Information Centre 19 May 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-transition-factsheet.html>.

<sup>1293</sup> Fact Sheet: G-8 Action on the Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition, G8 Research Group 19 May 2012. Access Date: 4 December 2013. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2012campdavid/g8-transition-factsheet.html>.

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To achieve full compliance, members must directly facilitate or coordinate either an initiative to promote increased trade or commercial ties, provide technical assistance, or facilitate the creation of new special funds for investment in transition countries.

A member can achieve partial compliance by encouraging or endorsing such initiatives, rather than directly coordinating them. A score of non-compliance indicates that a member has neither encouraged nor coordinated.

**Scoring Guidelines:**

|    |   |
|----|---|
| -1 | Member does not encourage new initiatives to promote trade, investment, NOR provides technical assistance to transition countries.                  |
| 0  | Member encourages new initiatives to promote trade or investment in transition countries, OR provides technical assistance to transition countries. |
| +1 | Member encourages initiatives to promote trade or investment in transition countries, AND provides technical assistance to transition countries.    |

*Lead Analyst: Emily Johnson*

**Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to ‘open economies’ and ‘inclusive growth’ for the Deauville Partnership for countries in transition.

On 10 October 2013, Canada’s Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty attended the Deauville Partnership Finance Minister’s Meeting in Washington DC.<sup>1294</sup> The meeting included affirmations of commitment to the Partnership, and allocated fund from the MENA transition fund to projects in the transition countries.<sup>1295</sup>

On 18 December 2013, Canada launched a CAD 5 million program to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), job creation, and exports in Morocco.<sup>1296</sup> The Export Development for Employment Creation program aims to boost the competitiveness of small businesses, readying them to take advantage of trade openness.<sup>1297</sup>

For its support of SMEs in Morocco and its participation in Deauville meetings, Canada is awarded a score of +1 for full compliance.

*Analyst: Misha Boutilier and Emily Johnson*

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<sup>1294</sup> Chair’s Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister’s Meeting (Washington, D.C.) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 5 January 2014. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1295</sup> Chair’s Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister’s Meeting (Washington, D.C.) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 5 January 2014. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1296</sup> Boosting SME Competitiveness and Job Creation in Morocco, International Trade Center (Rabat) 18 December 2013. Access Date: 5 January 2014. <http://www.intracen.org/news/Boosting-SME-competitiveness-and-job-creation-in-Morocco/>.

<sup>1297</sup> Boosting SME Competitiveness and Job Creation in Morocco, International Trade Center (Rabat) 18 December 2013. Access Date: 5 January 2014. <http://www.intracen.org/news/Boosting-SME-competitiveness-and-job-creation-in-Morocco/>.

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**France: +1**

On 5 July 2013, French President François Hollande announced that France will provide EUR 500 million in loans and grants to Tunisia.<sup>1298</sup> Additionally, France will convert EUR 60 million of Tunisian debt into investments, in agricultural development, vocational training, and other projects.<sup>1299</sup>

On 10 October 2013, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici attended the Deauville Partnership Finance Ministers Meeting in Washington DC.<sup>1300</sup> The meeting affirmed commitment to the Partnership, and reviewed progress made in 2013.<sup>1301</sup>

From 26-28 October 2013, France's representatives attended the second Arab Forum on Asset Recovery (AFAR II) in Marrakech, Morocco — the initiative to support asset recovery efforts by Arab Countries in Transition.<sup>1302</sup> The French Asset Recovery Action Plan outlines the French Government's actions in returning stolen assets and a plan to provide specialized training for transition countries in financial investigation techniques and asset recovery.<sup>1303</sup>

On 24 March 2014, French Ambassador to Egypt Nicolas Galey and Director of Operations at the French Agency for Development Jean-Marc Gravellini signed a development agreement with the Egyptian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. Under the agreement, France will provide EUR80 million to the state-owned Egyptian Social Development Fund to develop small and micro Egyptian enterprises.

Due to France's actions to provide Tunisia with loans and grants necessary to stimulate job creation, France is awarded a +1 for full compliance.

*Analyst: Misha Boutilier*

**Germany: 0**

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate or coordinate initiatives to promote trade or investment in transition countries in accordance with the Deauville Partnership.

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<sup>1298</sup> Tunisie: François Holland annonce 500 millions d'euros de prêts et dons, Le Parisien (Paris) 5 July 2013. Access Date: 4 January 2014. <http://www.leparisien.fr/international/tunisie-François-hollande-annonce-500-millions-d-euros-de-prets-et-dons-05-07-2013-2957457.php>.

<sup>1299</sup> Tunisie: François Holland annonce 500 millions d'euros de prêts et dons, Le Parisien (Paris) 5 July 2013. Access Date: 4 January 2014. <http://www.leparisien.fr/international/tunisie-François-hollande-annonce-500-millions-d-euros-de-prets-et-dons-05-07-2013-2957457.php>.

<sup>1300</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting (Washington, D.C.) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1301</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting (Washington, D.C.) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1302</sup> Arab Forum on Asset Recovery 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 28 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/ArabForum/ArabForum-2013>.

<sup>1303</sup> France Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, World Bank(Washington D.C) Access Date: 3 January 2014. [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/french\\_asset\\_recovery\\_action\\_plan\\_road\\_map-final.pdf](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/french_asset_recovery_action_plan_road_map-final.pdf).

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On 16 September 2013, Germany, along with other parties involved in the Deauville Partnership, sent a delegation to the G8 Deauville Partnership Investment in London.<sup>1304</sup>

On 25 September 2013, the Minister of Foreign Affairs attended the G8 Deauville Partnership Foreign Minister's Meeting in New York.<sup>1305,1306</sup>

On 10 October 2013, Germany's Finance Minister attended the Deauville Partnership Finance Ministers Meeting in Washington.<sup>1307</sup> The meeting affirmed commitment to the Partnership, and reviewed progress made in 2013.<sup>1308</sup>

On 26-28 October 2013, Germany's representatives attended the second Arab Forum on Asset Recovery (AFAR II) in Marrakech, Morocco — the initiative to support asset recovery efforts by Arab Countries in Transition.<sup>1309</sup> The German Asset Recovery Action Plan outlines the German Government's actions in returning stolen assets and providing specialized training for transition countries in financial investigation techniques and asset recovery.<sup>1310</sup>

Germany delivered several pledges of funding and other supportive measures to foster job creation and offer access to finances for transition countries during 2011. It has not pledged further funds, debt swaps, or loan agreements since the Lough Erne Summit.

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<sup>1304</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership Investment Conference, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 13 September 2013. Access Date: 30 December 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g8-deauville-partnership-investment-conference>.

<sup>1305</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership Foreign Minister Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 September 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e\\_000023.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e_000023.html).

<sup>1305</sup> Deauville Partnership for Arab Countries in Transition, Working for peace and long-term stability in the Middle East and North Africa, United Kingdom Government (London) 12 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/working-for-peace-and-long-term-stability-in-the-middle-east-and-north-africa/supporting-pages/deauville-partnership>.<sup>1305</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting, United Kingdom Government (London) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers_Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1305</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting, United Kingdom Government (London) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers_Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1305</sup> Arab Forum on Asset Recovery 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 28 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/ArabForum/arab-forum-2013>.

<sup>1306</sup> Guide for German Asset Recovery, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, World Bank/UNODC (Washington, D.C.) Access Date: 30 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/asset-recovery-in-german-law-english.pdf>.

<sup>1307</sup> Deauville Partnership for Arab Countries in Transition, Working for peace and long-term stability in the Middle East and North Africa, (London) 12 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/working-for-peace-and-long-term-stability-in-the-middle-east-and-north-africa/supporting-pages/deauville-partnership>

Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers_Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf)

<sup>1308</sup> Donors and Partners, Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund. Access Date: 30 December 2013.

<http://www.menatransitionfund.org/content/donors-and-partners>

<sup>1309</sup> The Deauville Partnership Progress Report 2013 (London) 8 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/248907/130925\\_DP\\_progress\\_rpt.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/248907/130925_DP_progress_rpt.pdf)

<sup>1310</sup> Guide for German Asset Recovery, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, World Bank/UNODC (Washington, D.C.) Access Date: 30 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/asset-recovery-in-german-law-english.pdf>.

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For attending Deauville Partnership meetings and encouraging the Partnership's work, Germany has been awarded a score of 0 for partial compliance.

*Analyst: Liam Moloney*

**Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with the economic goals of the Deauville Partnership.

Italian representatives attended the G8 Deauville Partnership Investment Conference on 16 September 2013 in London to discuss both barriers to investment and the role of transition countries.<sup>1311</sup>

On 10 October 2013, Italy's Finance Minister attended the Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting in Washington, D.C.<sup>1312</sup> The meeting affirmed commitment to the Partnership and reviewed progress made in 2013.

Italy attended the second Arab Forum on Asset Recovery in Morocco from 26-28 October 2013.<sup>1313</sup> Italy's Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map was published at this event in which Italy highlighted its goals to promote legal and institutional reforms as well as strengthen frameworks to manage recovered funds.<sup>1314</sup>

In November 2013, the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade of Egypt announced that Italy had provided a grant of USD 66 million to develop grain storage silos in Giza and developing bakeries in Sheikh Zayed.<sup>1315</sup>

Italy has encouraged initiatives in transition countries and provided technical support. Thus, Italy is awarded a compliance score of +1.

*Analyst: Ifath Fatima*

**Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment, through the Deauville Partnership, to support the transition of Arab Spring countries. Japan has encouraged initiatives to promote investment and inclusive growth, but has not provided direct assistance or coordinated initiatives.

On 25 September 2013, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Funio Kishida attended the G8 Deauville Partnership Foreign Minister Meeting in New York.<sup>1316</sup> At this meeting, Japan, along with other

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<sup>1311</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership Investment Conference, United Kingdom Government (London) 16 September 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g8-deauville-partnership-investment-conference>.

<sup>1312</sup> Arab Forum on Asset Recovery 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 26-28 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/ArabForum/arab-forum-2013>.

<sup>1313</sup> Italy Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 27 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/italy\\_-\\_asset\\_recovery\\_action\\_plan\\_road\\_map\\_2013\\_final.pdf](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/italy_-_asset_recovery_action_plan_road_map_2013_final.pdf).

<sup>1314</sup> Italy Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 27 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/italy\\_-\\_asset\\_recovery\\_action\\_plan\\_road\\_map\\_2013\\_final.pdf](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/italy_-_asset_recovery_action_plan_road_map_2013_final.pdf).

<sup>1315</sup> Italy provides \$66 million grant to develop supply sector in Egypt, Daily News Egypt (Cairo) 23 November 2013. Access Date: 29 April 2014. <http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2013/11/23/italy-provides-66m-grant-to-develop-supply-sector-in-egypt/>.

<sup>1316</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership Foreign Minister Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 September 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e\\_000023.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e_000023.html).



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participants, noted the importance of promoting greater investment in the region, providing support to SMEs, and encouraging women's participation in economies. Japan, as well as other participants confirmed their participation in maintaining the Deauville Partnership.<sup>1317</sup>

On 10 October 2013, Japan's Finance Minister attended the Deauville Partnership Finance Ministers Meeting in Washington DC.<sup>1318</sup> The meeting affirmed commitment to the Partnership, and reviewed progress made in 2013.<sup>1319</sup>

From 26-28 October 2013, Japan attended the second Arab Forum on Asset Recovery (AFAR II) in Marrakech, Morocco — an initiative to support asset recovery efforts by Arab Countries in Transition.<sup>1320</sup>

On its Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map 2013 published at the AFAR, Japan noted its plan to work with the UNODC, through Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative, to provide training to prosecutors, judges and financial analysts to Tunisia.<sup>1321</sup>

On 6 December 2013, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a Japanese official development assistance (ODA) loan agreement with the government of the Kingdom of Morocco in Rabat to provide up to JPY8.899 billion for the Basic Education Sector Support Project. The objective of the project is to correct disparities in Morocco's basic educational sector by providing assistance for the policy and system reform and improvement with respect to access, quality and governance, as well as support for the construction of educational facilities. These are all priority issues for the Government of Morocco and will contribute to the country's social development and economic stability.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency, along with the Brookings Institution in Washington, held a seminar in Washington on 11 February 2014 to discuss inclusive growth in the post-Arab spring countries, and to present findings of both research institutions on how to support the development of employment opportunities after the Arab Spring. On 25 February 2014, JICA, the Brookings Institution and the Faculty of Economics and Political Science at Cairo University also hosted the seminar "Towards Achieving Inclusive Growth in Egypt." For its role in encouraging initiatives to promote growth and stability, Japan has received a score of 0 for partial compliance.

*Analyst: Julianna Yang*

## **Russia: 0**

Russia has partially complied with the commitment on the Deauville Partnership.

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<sup>1317</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership Foreign Minister Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 25 September 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e\\_000023.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/page18e_000023.html).

<sup>1318</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting, United Kingdom Government (London) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1319</sup> Chair's Statement, Deauville Partnership Finance Minister's Meeting, United Kingdom Government (London) 10 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/249797/Deauville\\_Partnership\\_Finance\\_Ministers\\_\\_Meeting\\_Chair\\_s\\_Statement\\_10\\_Oct\\_2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/249797/Deauville_Partnership_Finance_Ministers__Meeting_Chair_s_Statement_10_Oct_2013.pdf).

<sup>1320</sup> Arab Forum on Asset Recovery 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 28 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. <http://star.worldbank.org/star/ArabForum/ArabForum-2013>.

<sup>1321</sup> Japan Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map 2013, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 27 October 2013. Access Date: 31 December 2013. [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/japans\\_asset\\_recovery\\_roadmap\\_2013-final.pdf](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/japans_asset_recovery_roadmap_2013-final.pdf).

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According to the Russian Government decision of 22 November 2012, Russia allocated USD 3 million to the creation of sustainable school meals systems in the Deauville Partnership countries in 2013.<sup>1322</sup> The project provides for supplies of up to 7764 tonnes of Russian food and development of a program for national school meals system modernization in 2012-2014. It will be implemented on the basis of the World Food Programme's regional bureau for Commonwealth of Independent States members, Eastern Europe, Asia, Middle East and North Africa and country offices in Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco.<sup>1323</sup>

Russia has provided technical assistance to transition countries, but no facts of encouraging new initiatives to promote trade or investment in transition countries has been registered during the compliance period. Thus, it has been awarded a score of 0.

*Analyst: Mark Rakhmangulov*

### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the goals of the Deauville Partnership.

The UK held the presidency of the G8 for 2013, and therefore acted as chair of the Deauville Partnership.<sup>1324</sup>

In June 2013, the UK began a mentoring initiative called FORSA to assist the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the Arab Countries in Transition.<sup>1325</sup> Through the EUR 70 million Arab Partnership Economic Facility (APEF), the UK is providing direct support for job creation in transition countries.<sup>1326</sup>

At the Arab Women's Conference hosted by the UK in London on 25-26 June 2013, International Development Secretary Justine Greening announced an initial UK fund of EUR 4 billion towards building women's economic participation.<sup>1327</sup>

On 16 September 2013, as part of the UK's Presidency, Britain hosted the Deauville Partnership Investment Conference to discuss barriers that exist in investment. The event provided networking opportunities between potential investors and members of the Partnership. Through the European

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<sup>1323</sup> Materials for the Russian Government Meeting, Government of Russia 14 November 2012. <http://government.ru/announcements/6111>.

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<sup>1326</sup> Progress Report 2013: The Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition, United Kingdom Government (London) 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/248907/130925\\_DP\\_progress\\_rpt.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/248907/130925_DP_progress_rpt.pdf)

<sup>1327</sup> G8 Deauville Partnership: Women's Economic Participation, United Kingdom Government (London) 2 September 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/g8-deauville-partnership-womens-economic-participation>.

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Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the UK will contribute EUR 5 million to technical assistance to enterprises.<sup>1328</sup>

The UK organized three sessions of the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery in Qatar, Egypt, London, and co-organized one with Morocco in Marrakech on 26-28 October 2013. The UK's Asset Recovery Action Plan Implementation Road Map was published at this event in which the UK stated its intent to provide assistance on legal and institutional reform to any countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region that requests it.<sup>1329</sup>

On 29 April, 2014, the UK co-chaired a meeting, Friends of Yemen, with Saudi Arabia and Yemen to support Yemen through its political transition as it moves towards a constitutional referendum and elections. Priorities of this meeting include ensuring that donors work closely with the Yemeni Executive Bureau so that money pledged is used effectively.

The MENA Transition Fund's objective is to improve lives within transition countries by providing grants for technical cooperation to which the UK contributed USD 50 million.<sup>1330</sup>

The United Kingdom directly facilitated initiatives to provide access to finance for SMEs, facilitated funds for investment in transition countries, and provided technical support. Thus, the UK is awarded +1 for full compliance.

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#### **United States: +1**

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to working towards open economies and inclusive growth of Arab Spring countries in transition by providing technical assistance and finances.

The United States has continued to play an active role in the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery (AFAR), an initiative to support asset recovery efforts by Arab Countries in Transition.<sup>1331</sup>

The U.S. sent a ministerial-level delegation to the Second Meeting of AFAR from 26-28 October 2013 in Marrakech, Morocco.<sup>1332</sup> The delegation took an active role in planning and delivering special sessions and providing expert trainers at the forum. Furthermore, the United States provided funding to the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) in its support of the AFAR.<sup>1333</sup>

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<sup>1332</sup> Address by Attorney General Eric Holder at the Arab Forum on Asset Recovery, U.S. Department of Justice (Washington, D.C.) 28 October 2013. Access Date: 30 December 2013. <http://www.justice.gov/iso/opa/ag/speeches/2013/ag-speech-131028.html>.

<sup>1333</sup> U.S. AFAR Action Plan Implementation Road Map, World Bank (Washington, D.C.) 27 October 2013. Access Date: 30 December 2013. [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/us\\_asset\\_recovery\\_action\\_plan\\_road\\_map-final.pdf](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/us_asset_recovery_action_plan_road_map-final.pdf).

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At the same Forum, the U.S. stated in its AFAR Action Plan Implementation Road Map that it has already delivered courses on asset recovery to the Deauville Partnership Countries of Egypt and Yemen in 2013 and plan to deliver more courses to Libya and Tunisia in early 2014.<sup>1334</sup>

On 28 October 2013 at the AFAR, Attorney General Eric Holder of the United States Department of Justice stated that he has instructed the Justice Department to appoint attorneys to work exclusively with Deauville transition countries and their regional partners to provide technical legal assistance on asset recovery.<sup>1335</sup>

On 31 October 2013, the U.S. Department of State announced that the United States guaranteed a USD 1.25 billion sovereign bond issuance by the Kingdom of Jordan.<sup>1336</sup> The guarantee provides access to finance that improves Jordan's macroeconomic stability, and facilitates job training and job creations for Jordanians.<sup>1337</sup>

On 22 November 2013, The White House issued a joint statement by the United States and Morocco, where President Obama and His Majesty King Mohammed VI pledged to advance their shared priorities of a secure stable and prosperous Maghreb, Africa, and Middle East. The statement indicated support for democratic and economic reforms, economic and security cooperation, and education and cultural cooperation etc.

On 20 December 2013, the United States Agency for International Development issued the Morocco Development Cooperation Strategy 2013-2017, reaffirming United States' continued collaboration with Morocco on political, economic, security, education and human rights issues.

On 4 April 2014 during the second session of the United States-Morocco Strategic Dialogue, Foreign Minister Dr. Saaheddine Mezouar and Secretary of State John Kerry reiterated the two countries' strong strategic partnership to advance the shared priorities of a stable, democratic, and prosperous Maghreb, Africa, and Middle East set out in November by President Obama and His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

On 04 April 2014, President Obama announced a USD500 million in loan to help Tunisia revive their economy. The loan guarantee will allow Tunisia to get financing in the international capital markets at favourable rates.

On 29 April 2014, the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration announced its plan to organize an Executive-led Infrastructure Business Development Mission to Morocco, Egypt, and Jordan from 3-11 December 2014. The purpose of this mission is to introduce U.S. firms and trade associations to Morocco, Egypt, and Jordan's expanding markets and to assist U.S. companies to pursue export opportunities in these markets.

The United States has been given a score of +1 for providing fund and direct technical assistance to the Deauville Countries and continuing promotion of inclusive growth and open economies.

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### **European Union: +1**

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to promote open economies and inclusive growth in Deauville Partnership transition countries.

On 24 June 2013, the European Union and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) announced the official launch of support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Egypt.<sup>1338</sup> The EU provided EUR 2.4 million to the EBRD's Small Business Support initiative, which supports provides business advice to Egyptian enterprises. This effort is aimed at bolstering the private sector and job creation.<sup>1339</sup>

Other measures in which the E.U. has participated, such as grants to financial infrastructure and SMEs through the European Neighborhood Partnership Instrument, were initiated in years previous to the Lough Erne Summit.<sup>1340</sup>

For its direct support of SMEs in transition countries, the EU is awarded a score of +1 for full compliance.

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<sup>1339</sup> European Union and EBRD Officially Launch a Facility for Advisory Support to SMEs in Egypt, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London) 24 June 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

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<sup>1340</sup> The Deauville Partnership Progress Report 2013, United Kingdom Government (London) 8 October 2013. Access Date: 1 January 2013.

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