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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN NIGER**

The European Union congratulates the authorities and the people of Niger on the smooth holding of legislative elections on 12 January 1995. It is pleased to see the people of Niger through the free exercise of their suffrage, as witnessed by the observers present and confirmed by the Supreme Court, further consolidating the democratic process in Niger.

Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic associate themselves with this declaration.