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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENCY  
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
ON ACCESSION OF ARGENTINA TO THE  
TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

The European Union welcomes the fact that Argentina has deposited on 10 February its instrument of accession to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons as a non-nuclear weapon State. This accession confirms Argentina's firm commitment to contribute towards international nuclear non-proliferation efforts, as already demonstrated by the quadripartite agreement concluded between Argentina, Brazil, the ABACC and the IAEA and the Treaty of Tlatelolco ratified by Argentina on 18 January 1994.

The European Union takes this opportunity to underscore its belief in universal adherence to the NPT and calls upon States which have not yet done so to accede to the NPT as non-nuclear weapon States.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union align themselves with this statement.