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**STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON  
THE CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION IN KAZAKHSTAN**

The European Union is anxious to state its concern at the crisis which is undermining the democratic institutions of Kazakhstan, a member country of the OSCE. It is following developments in the situation with close attention.

The European Union wishes to see a return to normal political life and the rule of democracy.

The European Union therefore calls for free, multi-party elections to be held soon under the surveillance of international observers, in particular the European Union.

The European Union hopes that the relevant international organizations will also be involved in the preparation and monitoring of the elections.

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