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DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
CONCERNING ZAIRE

Since the agreement between parties in Zaire in 1994 on the Constitutional Act, which laid down the powers of Zairean State Institutions so that transition to the Third Republic could be managed in a spirit of cooperation, the European Union has been closely following the attitudes of parties in this process of transition. It continues to be concerned at the fact that both the spirit and the letter of the Constitutional Act are frequently violated.

The European Union notes that the question of the Presidency of the HCR-PT at its sitting on 1 July 1995 has created confusion, particularly as regards the regularity of the procedures followed.

The European Union wishes to make known its deep concern at this situation and the resulting uncertainty.

It would again stress the enormous importance which it attaches to respect for the principles of a state of law without which democracy cannot be established.

In this context, it would strongly urge each of the transitional institutions to ensure that any ambivalence is removed and the act of transition applied in its entirety.

Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia associate themselves with this declaration.