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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the EU/GCC Ministerial Meeting, 20 July 1995**

The European Union and the signatory countries of the Charter of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf have agreed to hold a Ministerial Meeting in Troika formation on 20 July in Granada (Spain).

The aim of this meeting will be to assess the current state of relations between the European Union and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council; and to consider the future of their political and economic relations and cooperation.

The Ministerial Meeting will, in addition, consider all international issues of mutual interest.

The European Union hopes that the Ministerial Meeting in Granada will strengthen the excellent relations existing with the Arab States of the Gulf and increase the level of cooperation and understanding which has always existed between their respective governments and peoples.

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