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## Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Vietnam

The European Union welcomes the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The European Union is pleased at the conclusion of a process of rapprochement between the two countries, initiated in a desire to overcome old rivalries and to lay solid foundations for lasting cooperation.

The European Union appreciates the full normalization of relations between the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a factor of stability and progress on the international scene, to the benefit of the populations concerned.

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