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ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CONCERNING GABON

The European Union, which is an observer with regard to the Paris agreements, welcomes the successful completion of the constitutional referendum held in Gabon on 23 July 1995 with a view to making possible full application of those Agreements.

It is pleased with the result and hopes that the process of dialogue and consultation between Gabon's political forces will continue, in order to consolidate the achievements of democratization, which are a fundamental condition for the economic and social development of the country.

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

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