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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on Swaziland**

The European Union has taken note that the four accused leaders of the Swaziland Federation of Trade Unions were acquitted on 26 February 1997 and hopes that this acquittal will contribute decisively to the peaceful resolution of the current difficulties without further detriment to the economy of Swaziland.

The EU wishes to assure Swaziland of its continuing support for the constitutional review process with the participation of all sections of Swazi society, in the hope that it can be accelerated and brought to a timely and successful conclusion.

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