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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the situation in Zambia**

The EU is deeply concerned about the continuing state of emergency in Zambia and particularly about the arrests of Dr Kenneth Kaunda, President of UNIP and Mr Dean Mung'omba of the Zambian Democratic Congress.

The EU urges the Government of Zambia to complete their investigations into all those detained under the current state of emergency and in particular the leaders of the opposition parties, Dr Kaunda and Mr Mung'omba, with all speed and either charge or release them. The EU urges the Government of Zambia to fully respect the human rights of all political detainees in accordance with internationally agreed standards and in particular strongly condemns the use of torture against persons under arrest as documented by the Permanent Human Rights Commission of Zambia.

The EU strongly appeals to the Government of Zambia to continue with the process of meaningful political dialogue with all major political parties.
