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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON  
THE COUP D'ETAT IN SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE**

The European Union welcomes the happy outcome to the crisis which occurred in São Tomé and Príncipe on 15 August.

It pays tribute to the mediation of the Angolan Minister for Foreign Affairs, backed by the international community.

The European Union is delighted to see the restoration of constitutional legality and the reinstatement of the democratically elected President as well as of the National Assembly, which will allow European cooperation with São Tomé and Príncipe to continue.