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Declaration by the Presidency, on behalf of the European Union on Peru/Ecuador relations

The European Union welcomes the fact that the governments of Peru and Ecuador will meet on 15 April 1997 in Brasilia to begin substantive talks on their differences in relation to the border dispute between the two countries. It notes that this meeting, originally scheduled for 20 December 1996, had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances in both countries.

The European Union attaches great importance to the meeting in Brasilia and considers it an historic opportunity to build further on the agreements of Quito and Santiago of February and November 1996, respectively. It expresses its conviction that the meeting in Brasilia will lay solid foundations for a definitive settlement of the dispute and the establishment of an enduring peace between Ecuador and Peru.