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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
concerning the elections in Azerbaijan**

The European Union welcomes the elections held on 12 and 26 November in Azerbaijan as a step forward on the path to democracy, despite certain irregularities pointed out by international observers and acknowledged by the Azerbaijani authorities. The European Union hopes that Azerbaijan will continue with the democratic reforms it has begun in accordance with the Constitution adopted by the people.