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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the signature of the Romanian-Ukrainian Basic Treaty**

The European Union welcomes the signature of the Treaty of Friendship and Good Cooperation between Romania and Ukraine.

The European Union is aware of the efforts undertaken by both parties to reach agreement on the final text of the Treaty. These could only have been taken in the spirit of wisdom and good neighbourship. The European Union encourages early completion of the negotiations on the outstanding issues in the same constructive spirit.

This agreement is an important step for both countries towards closer cooperation with the European Union and further integration into the European structures.
