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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Korean peninsula**

The European Union welcomes North Korea's announcement in New York on Monday 30 June of its agreement to take part in the quadri-partite negotiations with South Korea, the USA and China. The European Union hopes that those negotiations and a resumption of the direct dialogue between the two Koreas will prepare the way for the restoration of durable peace in the Korean peninsula.

The European Union would again stress the importance it attaches to stability in the Korean peninsula. It is in that spirit that it has just granted substantial humanitarian aid to the people of North Korea.