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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the situation in Sierra Leone

The European Union would refer to its declarations of 28 May and 20 June.

It welcomes the meeting of ECOWAS Member States in Conakry on 26 June. It lends its support to the efforts which ECOWAS is making to resolve the crisis in Sierra Leone and to prevent fresh bloodshed. The EU particularly welcomes the presence of an OAU representative on the committee which the regional organization has set up to monitor the progress of diplomatic efforts.

The European Union awaits the committee's reports with the greatest interest and shares its objectives regarding the early achievement of a peaceful resolution of the crisis.

The European Union stresses the need for constitutional order to be restored in Sierra Leone by peaceful means. Pending the return of the legitimate government to Freetown, the EU reiterates the position expressed in its declaration of 20 June and maintains its view that development aid granted to Sierra Leone cannot be continued in the present circumstances.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus, Iceland and Norway align themselves with this declaration.