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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Extraordinary Summit of the IGAD**

The EU welcomes the acceptance by the Government of Sudan of the IGAD Declaration of Principles as the basis for peace negotiations.

This is an important positive step which should enable the parties to the conflict to resume negotiations aimed at a comprehensive and lasting peace in Sudan, and throughout the Horn of Africa.

The EU calls on President Moi, as Chairman of the IGAD peace initiative to convene such negotiations as soon as possible and urges the parties to the conflict to respond promptly and positively to such an invitation.

The EU reaffirms its full support for the IGAD countries in their efforts to bring peace to Sudan and its readiness to consider any means to assist that process.

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