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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Iraqi crisis

The European Union expresses its strong support for and complete confidence in the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his mission to Baghdad to seek a solution to the present crisis in Iraq.

A diplomatic solution to the present crisis is still possible, providing that Iraq respects the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and accepts an arrangement for access to Presidential sites on terms consistent with the requirements of the international community.

The European Union urges the Iraqi authorities to seize the opportunity presented by the UN Secretary-General's mission to announce their intention to comply fully with the relevant Security Council resolutions.
