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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Burma/Myanmar**

The EU condemns the detention by the Burmese authorities of over 100 opposition activists, including over 60 MP's-elect from the National League for Democracy and from ethnic minority parties such as Shan Nationalities League for democracy.

The EU considers this to be an unacceptable violation of their freedom and a step away from democracy.

The EU calls for an immediate release of all political detainees in Burma and for the Burmese authorities urgently to enter into a substantive dialogue with opposition parties and to respect the 1990 general election results.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.