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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Turkish-Syrian relations**

The European Union welcomes the recent signing in Adana of the agreement reached between Syria and Turkey on security issues. The Union hopes that this agreement will lead to a lasting relaxation of the tensions between the two countries, which the European Union has been following with great concern. At the same time, the Union expresses the hope that the spirit of goodwill and mutual understanding shown by both sides in Adana, and the implementation in full of that agreement, will guide the future relations between Damascus and Ankara in the interest of peace, security and stability in the region.