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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
Following Presidential Elections in Haiti

The European Union congratulates Haiti and expresses its satisfaction on the holding of free and fair elections, which represents a further step towards consolidation of democratic institutions in the country. The European Union looks forwards to the transfer of office from one democratically elected president to another, which will be an unprecedented event in Haiti's history.

The European Union congratulates President elect René Préval and trusts that he will be able to complete the work of his predecessor, Mr Jean-Bertrand Aristide and, with the support of the Haitian people, achieve, in a framework of national reconciliation and justice, continued progress in human rights and social and economic development.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta align themselves with this declaration.

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