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**Declaration by the European Union  
and the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe,  
the associated country Cyprus  
and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area  
on the new common position setting out the  
objectives and priorities of the European Union in its relations with Rwanda**

Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia declare that they share the objectives of the common position defined by the Council of the European Union on 30 March 1998 on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the objectives and priorities of the European Union in its relations with Rwanda. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that common position.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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