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**Declaration by the European Union  
and associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe,  
the associated country Cyprus  
and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area  
on the prolongation of the Common Position 96/635/CFSP on Burma**

Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia declare that they share the objectives of the Common Position 98/303/CFSP concerning the prolongation of the Common Position 96/635/CFSP defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union on Burma. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that Common Position.

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