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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the
death of the United Nations Secretary-General's Representative to Angola**

The European Union were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the death of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative to Angola, Maître Alioune Blondin Beye, with five of his colleagues and two pilots in an air crash near Abidjan on 26 June.

The European Union pays tribute to Maître Beye's determination and ceaseless efforts over the last five years to bring about a peaceful solution to the Angolan conflict.

The European Union hope that the death of Maître Beye will spur the Angolan Government and UNITA to early completion of the Lusaka Protocol. A fitting memorial to Maître Beye would be a genuine and lasting peace in Angola.