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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the situation in Guinea-Bissau**

The European Union is extremely concerned by recurrent reports of acts of harassment of the population of Guinea-Bissau in the course of military operations violating basic international humanitarian law. These developments threaten the lives and property of innocent civilians and hamper the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

The EU urges all parties in Guinea-Bissau to respect scrupulously international humanitarian law and to cooperate towards the opening of humanitarian corridors for the delivery of emergency aid to displaced persons and refugees in Guinea-Bissau.
