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DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON THE DISPUTE OPPOSING NIGERIA AND CAMEROON
ON THE BAKASSI PENINSULA

The European Union, deeply concerned about recurrent episodes which imperil internal peace and regional stability in Africa, as well as about border disputes which risk to pave the way to countless territorial claims, while deploring the recourse to the use of military force by the parties concerned, expresses its apprehension for the dispute opposing Cameroon and Nigeria in the Bakassi Peninsula as well as its worry for the signs of renewed military confrontation registered since the 3 February, 1996.

The Union invites the parties in confrontation to abstain from all military intervention in abidance by the international law and particularly by the charter of the United Nations and expresses its wish that a peaceful solution be found to the dispute through recourse to the International Court of Justice.

The European Union requests the parties to revert to the positions that they held prior to the appeal to the Court of Justice.