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**Declaration by the European Union,  
the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union,  
the associated country Cyprus  
and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area  
on the Common Position concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea**

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area declare that they share the objectives of the Common Position 1999/206/CFSP defined by the Council on 15 March 1999 on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea. 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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