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**Declaration by the European Union,
the Central and Eastern European countries, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
associated with the European Union,
the associated country Cyprus
and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area
on the Common Position concerning Libya**

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area declare that they share the objectives of the Common Position 1999/261/CFSP defined by the Council on 16 April 1999 on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning Libya. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that Common Position.

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