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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Ethiopia-Eritrea conflict**

The European Union welcomes the decision by the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the OAU in Algiers 12-14 July to approve the modalities for the implementation of the OAU framework agreement on the settlement of the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea. The European Union reiterates its support to the framework agreement and expresses its full support also to its modalities. The European Union urges Ethiopia and Eritrea to subscribe immediately to the modalities, end all hostilities, proceed to the signature of a cease fire agreement, and fully implement the OAU framework agreement.

The European Union commends the efforts of the OAU and all those who have supported it to find a peaceful solution to the conflict, which has caused enormous human and physical losses in Ethiopia and Eritrea, jeopardises political and economic stability in the two countries and in the region, and undermines their capacity to attract foreign support needed for their development.

The European Union expresses its full support to the Chairman of the OAU President Abdulasiz Bouteflika of Algeria in his efforts to vigorously pursue the peace process until a comprehensive settlement of the conflict has been achieved. Both the UN and the OAU are called upon to cooperate closely in their common endeavour of ensuring the full implementation of the framework agreement and its modalities including the deployment of military observers by OAU member states. The European Union stands ready to assist.

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 align themselves with this declaration.