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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the outcome of the referendum on civil concord and peace in Algeria**

The European Union welcomes the outcome of the referendum, held on 16 September in Algeria, which expressed the support of the Algerian people for President Bouteflika's vision of national reconciliation and peace.

The European Union hopes that Algeria will finally be able to emerge from the violence its people have suffered for a number of years and embark on a process of national reconstruction that will yield the political stability necessary for the fostering of economic and social progress.

The European Union confirms its readiness to support and encourage the reform process in Algeria, particularly by way of Euro-mediterranean co-operation, including the speedy resumption of negotiations on the conclusion of an Euro-mediterranean Association Agreement. The EU attaches great importance to continuing the political dialogue entered into with Algeria and looks forward to the ministerial level meeting with the EU troika scheduled for November 3rd this year in Algiers.

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