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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the adoption of a new Constitution by Ukraine**

The European Union welcomes the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada, on 28 June last, of a new Constitution for Ukraine. The EU considers this a most important step in the reform process in Ukraine and in the context of the consolidation of Ukrainian sovereignty and independence. The EU welcomes the fact that, with the Rada's adoption of the Constitution, Ukraine has taken a further step towards the fulfilment of the important commitments undertaken on its accession to the Council of Europe in November 1995. The EU also hopes that the new Constitution will provide a basis for the definitive establishment of the institutional arrangements within Ukraine for Crimea.

Bulgaria, Cyprus, Republic of Estonia, Hungary, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia and the Czech Republic align themselves with this declaration.
