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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**  
**on the inter-Tajik negotiations**

The European Union expresses its satisfaction at the results of the recent round of inter-Tajik talks held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The European Union expects both parties to be fully committed to a swift and complete implementation of the agreements reached. The European Union also calls upon both parties to grant UNMOT full freedom of movement and access to all areas.

The European Union welcomes the prospect that the talks will be resumed in August and hopes that problems concerning the venue can be resolved swiftly.

Iceland, Norway, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus and Malta align themselves with this declaration.