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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the earthquake in India**

Deeply saddened by the tragic news of the devastation brought about by the earthquake in Gujarat on 26 January, and the widespread destruction and human suffering in its wake, the European Union expresses its deepest sympathy to the Government and people of India and especially to those affected by this catastrophe.

The European Union and individual member states have responded to the disaster by making available human, material and financial resources in order to assist the authorities in their efforts to bring relief to the many victims.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this declaration.

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