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## <u>Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union</u> on the situation in Guatemala

The European Union, recalling the importance of constitutional democracy and of the consequential accountability of public office-holders, fully supports President Arzu Irigoyen in the steps he is taking against corruption. These measures are an intrinsic element in the consolidation of democratic practice, which is itself an essential element in the larger peace process.

The European Union reaffirms its wholehearted support for the parties engaged in the peace process and urges them to continue their efforts towards the definitive conclusion and signature of all the peace agreements during 1996.