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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**  
**on the Case of Carmelo Soria (Chile)**

The European Union wishes to state that it is gravely disappointed by the decision of the Supreme Court of Chile, applying the Amnesty Law of 1978, to grant impunity to the perpetrators of the murder in 1976 of Carmelo Soria, a Spanish official of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The European Union recognises the contribution of the Chilean Government made in the past in bringing this case before the Court again. It further recognises the efforts of the Chilean Government to seek extra-judicial reparations.

The Associated Countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia align themselves with this declaration.

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