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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on South Kivu

The European Union is gravely concerned about the situation in South Kivu, Zaire. It calls on all parties to exercise restraint and to ensure the prevention of open conflict across the border between Zaire and Rwanda.

The Union welcomes recent statements by the authorities of both Zaire and Rwanda that they do not wish to take action that would further exacerbate the situation.

The European Union is following the matter closely and its Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region, Mr Aldo Ajello, has met with the authorities of both countries in recent days. The Union also supports the efforts of the United Nations, through the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr Ibrahim Fall, to bring about a peaceful resolution of the situation. The Union is strongly of the view that the problems at issue can only be resolved through dialogue.

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