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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON  
THE CURRENT SITUATION IN MYANMAR/BURMA**

The European Union expresses its deep concern at reports of police brutality in the dispersing of recent student demonstrations in Myanmar. The EU affirms the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression and calls on all sides to show restraint and to prevent any further deterioration in the situation.

The European Union also expresses serious concern at the restrictions which have been placed on the movement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and urges the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) to remove the roadblocks from the vicinity of her residence and to allow Daw Aung San Suu Kyi full freedom of movement. The European Union also expresses its deep concern at persistent reports that further infringements on the personal safety of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi may be imminent. The EU will hold the SLORC fully responsible for the physical well-being of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The European Union reiterates its call on the SLORC to enter into meaningful dialogue with pro-democracy groups immediately to restore peace and to bring about national reconciliation.

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