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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on elections in Ghana**

The European Union notes the outcome of the presidential and legislative elections held on 7 December in Ghana. In particular, it is pleased to learn that the international elections observers have found that the polling and counting process was free, fair and transparent. In welcoming this consolidation of the democratic process, the Union congratulates the Government, opposition parties and the people of Ghana on the manner in which the elections were conducted. The conduct of the elections and the high turnout by the electorate have reaffirmed the commitment of the people of Ghana to democracy.

The European Union looks forward to building on its already warm relations and cooperation with Ghana and reaffirms its commitment to continued support for its social and economic development.

Iceland, Norway and the Associated countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia align themselves with this declaration.