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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on  
the demolition of Palestinian houses in Jerusalem**

The European Union is extremely concerned by the demolition of Palestinian houses by the Jerusalem municipal authority in the Shufat sector of Jerusalem on 9 July.

It calls on the Israeli authorities to put an immediate end to this sort of activity, which can only complicate further the efforts of the international community and the parties themselves to seek a solution to end the crisis through the full implementation of the recommendations set out in the Fact Finding Committee's report (the Mitchell Report).

It urges all the parties to act responsibly and to refrain from any comments or unilateral acts which might be interpreted as a provocation, but instead to work resolutely for calm.

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