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**Declaration from the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the LTTE terrorist attack in Sri Lanka**

The European Union condemns the recent LTTE terrorist attack at Colombo airport. It calls on the LTTE to renounce all terrorist activity and immediately enter into negotiations with the Sri Lankan Government.

The European Union expresses its concern about the deadlock reached in the efforts of the Norwegian facilitator and the peace process.

The European Union calls on the Sri Lankan Government and the opposition to reassess their priorities, concentrate their efforts on ways of ending the civil war and bring about a lasting settlement which meets the aspirations of all communities within a united Sri Lanka.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.