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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on Cyprus - United Nations process**

The European Union supports the statement by the President of the United Nations Security Council on 26 September 2001, in particular the disappointment expressed at the refusal of the Turkish side to take part in the meeting on 12 September. It continues to back unreservedly the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General to resume - without preconditions in line with Security Council resolution 1250 - the search for a comprehensive and lasting settlement in conformity with the relevant Security Council resolutions, and calls on all parties involved to cooperate in the process with a view to achieving a political settlement before the end of the negotiations for Cyprus' accession to the European Union.