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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the internal situation in Guinea**

The European Union expresses its concern at the possible implications, for the country's stability and democratic development, of the planned referendum in Guinea.

The European Union calls in particular for observance of the constitutional rules, preservation of checks and balances, liberalisation of the media and the establishment of a framework for a fair and transparent electoral process.

The European Union calls on all parties in Guinea to exercise moderation and urges them to respect the constitutional framework and the rule of law.

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

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