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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the intra-Togolese dialogue and its facilitation**

The European Union welcomes the progress made in the talks on the political situation in Togo in July by the Togolese parties and assisted by European Union and OIF (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie) facilitators and security experts. The progress resulted in the Lomé Framework Agreement of July 29, 1999.

The European Union appeals to all Togolese parties for an efficient implementation of the terms of the Framework Agreement. The implementation should be made in good faith and with respect for human rights.

The European Union is ready to support the facilitators' mission, within the scope and in accordance with the rules of the Lomé Convention, trusting that it will lead to the restoration of democracy in Togo and consequently to the normalisation of the relations between the European Union and Togo.

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