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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the killing of members of a humanitarian mission in Burundi**

The European Union strongly condemns the renewed outbreak of indiscriminate violence in Burundi, the main victims of which continue to be the people of that country.

The European Union is particularly outraged at and condemns the attack on a humanitarian mission in Rutana province on Tuesday 12 October. It is shocked by the massacre of several members of that mission, Burundians and expatriates, including two representatives of UN agencies, and offers its condolences to the victims' families.

It calls for the perpetrators of this massacre to be brought to justice.

The European Union wishes to make a further, urgent appeal to all the Burundian parties to put an end without delay to all acts of violence and to reach an early agreement on the terms of a ceasefire and a return to civil peace, reconciliation and democracy in Burundi.

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.