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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on application of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism to Turkmenistan**

The EU expresses its unequivocal support, to a full and transparent investigation of the recent events in Turkmenistan. It calls upon the President and the Government of Turkmenistan to cooperate fully with the process launched in the framework of the OSCE under the mechanism agreed at the 1991 Moscow meeting of the conference on the human dimension.

The EU urges the Government of Turkmenistan to facilitate the visit to that country of a fact-finding mission, in accordance with its international commitments.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the EFTA countries Iceland, and Norway, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.

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