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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
regarding relations between Colombia and Venezuela**

The European Union expresses its concern regarding the situation of tension at the Colombian-Venezuelan border. The European Union calls on both parties to abide by international law and existing mutual agreements, to refrain from any actions or statements that may further deteriorate the situation, and to take steps to seek solutions by dialogue and possible confidence building measures, including through the support of regional bodies.

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*"The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia\* and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this declaration.*

*\* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process."*

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