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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Honduras after the elections

The European Union reiterates its condemnation of the violation of constitutional order in Honduras that took place on 28 June 2009. The European Union has since the beginning of the crisis called for a peaceful negotiated solution to the political crisis and has taken steps with other international partners to bring this about.

The European Union regrets that the Tegucigalpa/San José Accord has not been fully implemented ahead of the elections on 29 November, leading to an electoral process under abnormal circumstances. However, the European Union sees the elections as a significant step forward in solving the crisis in Honduras. In this regard, the European Union awaits the outcome of the deliberations of the Honduran Congress scheduled for 2 December 2009.

The EU calls upon all actors to seek a dialogue in order to reach national reconciliation and to re-establish constitutional and democratic order in the country, and expects them to assume their full responsibility in this regard. Furthermore, the European Union demands that all actors promote and respect the rule of law, good governance and human rights.

P R E S S

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 and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia align themselves with this declaration.

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