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Declaration by the Presidency, on behalf of the European Union, on Honduras

On 28 June Foreign Ministers of the European Union strongly condemned the military actions which were directed against democratically elected President Zelaya and part of his cabinet and have violated the constitutional order of Honduras. The EU urges the immediate release of all detained governmental representatives and calls on all relevant parties and institutions to refrain from violence and to strive to find a swift and peaceful solution to the current situation. This should be in accordance with the existing constitutional order of Honduras, the principles of rule of law and democracy.

The EU highlights the importance of restoring the constitutionality and stability of the political and security situation in the country and underlines the importance of ensuring that fair, timely and transparent presidential elections are held in November 2009. The constitutional rules and respect for human rights are the cornerstones of democratic governance anywhere in the world.

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