EU Presidency Statement on the Republic of Chad

The Presidency of the European Union expresses its great concern over the continued attempts of armed groups in Chad to seize power unconstitutionally. The Presidency calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities.

A political settlement of the conflict remains the only viable perspective for peace and stability in Chad. Recalling the accord of 13 August 2007, the Presidency emphasises the urgency of returning to the inclusive political process. The Presidency strongly supports the African Union’s call for a peaceful solution.

The Presidency stresses that the European Union remains deeply concerned about the humanitarian and security situation of internally displaced people and refugees for which a multidimensional and international presence remains indispensable. The European Union will continue its close coordination with the United Nations in this regard. The Presidency underlines the European Union's commitment to the achievement of the objectives of the EUFOR Tchad/RCA operation under UNSC Resolution 1778 (2007), and to continue with the deployment when circumstances permit.

Stressing its deep concern over the implications of the current crisis in Chad for regional stability, the Presidency reiterates the EU’s full support for the ongoing UN/AU efforts in the region.