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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on recent events in Bulgaria

The European Union wishes to express its deep concern about recent events in Bulgaria, a country with which the EU is closely linked through the Europe Agreement. Rapid and effective structural reforms are urgently necessary in order to secure the recovery of the economy.

The European Union calls upon all political forces to work together in order to overcome the present deadlock and to restore the confidence of the Bulgarian people in the democratic institutions. In this connection, the European Union calls upon all concerned to contribute to the promotion of stable and effective government in a manner consistent with the Constitution, in accordance with democratic procedures, and conducive to a climate in which outside assistance and advice can be effective.

The EU encourages all political parties to support the recently elected President in his endeavour to facilitate compromise solutions including on a date for elections.