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**Declaration by the Presidency, on behalf of the European Union
on Ecuador**

The European Union welcomes the fact that the Republic of Ecuador has resolved the recent political crisis through the decision by the National Congress to appoint Fabian Alarcon as interim President. The Union trusts that the government will work in a spirit of cooperation and reconciliation and calls upon it to lead the country towards new, democratic and constitutional elections, as announced for the year 1998.
