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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES IN SUDAN**

The European Union welcomes the decision of President Bashir to release 32 political detainees and people already sentenced for political crimes as important steps towards respect for human rights and democracy in Sudan.

The European Union hopes that these initiatives will soon be followed by steps towards peace, tolerance and reconciliation which could permit an improvement of relations between the European Union and Sudan.

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Rumania, Slovakia associate themselves with this declaration.