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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
ON THE PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MAIN FACTIONS IN LIBERIA**

The European Union welcomes the agreement signed in Abuja, Nigeria, on 19 August by the various factions in the conflict, which opens the way to hopes of peace and stability in Liberia.

The European Union asks the parties involved to make a major effort to ensure that the agreement is applied, and stresses the need for the international Community to provide political and financial support for the peace process in Liberia.

The European Union confirms that it intends to give political and financial support to the peace process, and to continue its humanitarian assistance for the people of Liberia, as it has done since 1990, having paid out nearly ECU 150 million in assistance for victims of the war. However, in future all political and financial aid will be made dependent on sustained progress in application of the agreement reached in Abuja by the principal factions of the conflict in Liberia.

The European Union congratulates the ECOWAS, and particularly its President, President Rawlings of Ghana, on their efforts at and commitment to bringing peace to Liberia.