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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON
CAMBODIA**

The European Union expresses its grave concern about the violent attack on peaceful demonstrators in Phnom Penh on 30 March 1997. The resulting deaths and injuries give rise to great sorrow. The EU expresses its sympathy to the families of those who were killed and to the injured survivors.

The European Union calls on the government of Cambodia to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice. It hopes that the tragic events will lead all parties to recognise that peace and stability are essential in the period leading up to the 1998 elections.