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**Declaration on Angola by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Angola**

The European Union welcomes the formation of the new Angolan Government of unity and national reconciliation, which was officially sworn in on 11 April 1997. This event marks an important step in the peace process initiated in Lisbon in 1991 and renewed in Lusaka in 1994, and sets Angola on the promising path of development for the benefit of all Angolans.

The European Union addresses to the new Angolan Government its most cordial wishes for a successful outcome to the peace process and assures the Government of its desire to cooperate actively in the recovery of a reconciled Angola.
