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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
ON PAKISTAN - INDIA**

The European Union warmly welcomes the broad agreement between India and Pakistan on an agenda and structure for talks on all outstanding issues between them, including i.a. Jammu and Kashmir.

The European Union attaches great importance to the efforts of both parties to engage in a dialogue with the objective of reaching a lasting settlement to the contentious issues between them.

It considers the agreement as a promising and significant step towards reconciliation, political and economic cooperation and lasting peace.

This agreement bears witness to the courage and statesmanship of both Prime Ministers and their Governments.