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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Yemen/Eritrea**

The European Union welcomes the acceptance of the first ruling by the London International Arbitration Committee by the Republic of Yemen and the State of Eritrea on their territorial dispute and recognises that France has made an important contribution to the definition and the implementation of the arbitration process leading to this ruling of 9 October. The European Union particularly notes the fact that both countries have started a new policy of reconciliation and improved neighbourhood immediately after the Committee's ruling. The Union hopes that these developments will contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region and considers that both countries deserve recognition of the international community for the peaceful solution of their territorial conflict.
