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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on South Africa**

Following the handing over of the report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to President Mandela, the European Union wishes to pay tribute to the exceptional work accomplished by that body under the Chairmanship of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The European Union commends the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's enabling role in the extraordinary efforts of remembering and establishing the truth, efforts serving the necessarily difficult but indispensable process of national reconciliation and the consolidation of democracy in South Africa.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated country Cyprus and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.

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