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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON  
MALAYSIA (ANWAR IBRAHIM'S TRIAL)**

The EU notes the resumption of the trial of former Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim. The EU has been following the trial closely, and will continue to do so.

In its statement of 2 October 1998 the EU expressed its concern about Anwar's treatment in custody and called for a full inquiry. The EU is therefore concerned that the Malaysian authorities have still not published the results of the investigations and urges them to do so as soon as possible.

The EU notes with regret that bail has so far been refused and that the proceedings seem likely to be lengthy.

The EU reiterates its expectation that Anwar Ibrahim will receive a fair and just trial.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and the Slovak Republic, the associated country Cyprus and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.