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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Lebanon

Deeply concerned at the recent evolution of the situation in Lebanon and Northern Israel, the European Union appeals to all sides to refrain from further escalation and observe the terms of the cease-fire understanding of April 1996.

The European Union expresses its sympathy to the injured and to bereaved families.

Recalling that the intensification of hostilities will serve only those who oppose a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and will bring with it the unnecessary suffering of innocent people, the European Union appeals to all sides to show the utmost restraint.

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