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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the situation in Kisangani**

The European Union expresses its utmost concern at the renewed fighting between Rwandan and Ugandan forces in Kisangani, which has resulted in the deaths of civilians, damage to property, and has put the safety of population and UN personnel at unacceptable risk.

Those military actions occurring in the territory of a third country are totally intolerable and are incompatible with the Lusaka agreement, the 8 April Kampala Disengagement Plan and other bilateral commitments made by the belligerents.

The European Union strongly urges Rwanda and Uganda to cease hostilities without delay, to take immediate steps to implement the ceasefire and the demilitarisation plan previously agreed by them and to withdraw from Kisangani.

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

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