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### **Declaration by the European Union**

OPEC's decision to increase production is a step in the right direction.

This measure should help to stabilize crude oil prices at a reasonable level, in the interest of all countries, producer and consumer, in order to permit sustained growth.

International consultations have consequently to be organized. The foreign ministers of the European Union call for the resumption of dialogue between producer and consumer countries.

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