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**Declaration by the European Union on the shooting down
of two civilian aircraft by the Cuban authorities**

The European Union strongly condemns the shooting-down of two civilian aircraft on Saturday by the Cuban airforce. It regrets the deaths of the four people on board the aircraft and calls for moderation and restraint from all involved in the handling of this incident.

The EU requests that an immediate investigation be carried out in order to ascertain the details and responsibilities in this case.

Irrespective of the circumstances of the incident, there can be no excuse for not respecting international law and human rights norms.
