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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Burma**

The EU notes the Burmese authorities' decision to postpone the visit by the Troika scheduled for the end of October.

It deplores the fact that the Burmese authorities have not seen fit to respond to its availability for dialogue. It recalls its serious concern about the deadlock in the political situation and the human rights situation in the country.

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