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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**  
**on the Serbian legislative elections of 23 December 2000**

The European Union welcomes the smooth passage of the legislative elections in Serbia and the victory of the forces of democracy.

This victory confirms and consolidates the democratic process initiated in Belgrade with the election of President Kostunica.

It will enable the essential political, economic and social reforms to be carried out within the FRY and will also allow the latter to press ahead with reconciliation with its neighbours and rapprochement with the European Union, with due regard for its international obligations.

The European Union confirms its full support for President Kostunica in his efforts to carry out this policy.

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