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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the release of Kosovar political prisoners held in Serbia**

The European Union calls on the Yugoslav and Serb authorities to find the appropriate legal channels for the speedy release of the Kosovar Albanian prisoners held on political grounds.

The Union also calls on the authorities in Belgrade to consider an amnesty, through the appropriate legal channels, for those persons who refused to bear arms during the conflict in Kosovo.