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**Declaration of the European Union and  
the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe  
concerning arms exports to the former Yugoslavia**

The European Union and the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe, meeting in Brussels on 27 February 1996 in the framework of the structured dialogue, reaffirm their goal of making a decisive contribution towards ensuring the establishment of peace and stability for the people of the region of the former Yugoslavia.

To this end:

- The European Union invited the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe to share the objectives of the common position defined by the Council of the European Union on 26 February 1996 on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning arms exports to the former Yugoslavia, and to ensure that their national policies conform to that common position; Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia declared their readiness to do so.
- The European Union takes note of this undertaking and welcomes it; it recalls that the Council Presidency has been invited to promote the policy of moderation as regards arms exports to the former Yugoslavia, which is the object of the above common position, with the aim of establishing a stable military equilibrium at the lowest possible level of armaments.