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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the Ethiopian/Eritrean intervention in Somalia**

The EU is deeply concerned at the renewed outbreak of fighting at the border between Ethiopia and Eritrea and reiterates her urgent appeal to both parties to halt the war and to settle their conflict through negotiations on the basis of the OAU framework agreement which both sides have accepted.

The EU urges the OAU to further intensify her efforts aimed at an immediate cessation of hostilities and the implementation of the OAU framework agreement supported by the UN Security Council. The Union reiterates her commitment to assist the implementation process.

The EU is also very concerned at the illicit delivery of weapons, military equipment and military assistance to factions and other groups in Somalia in violation of the arms embargo imposed by the UN Security Council resolution 733 of 23 January 1992, as well as at the dangers of destabilisation of neighbouring countries and the spreading of terrorism produced by this influx of arms.

Aware of the security implications of the situation in Somalia for the countries of the region, the EU calls on Ethiopia and Eritrea to stop military intervention in Somalia, re-establish their co-operation within the IGAD and the Standing Committee and help the Somalis to settle the problems deriving from their long civil war which cannot be solved through military escalation and further fighting.

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