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

The European Union notes with concern recent developments concerning relations across the Taiwan Straits.

The EU supports the principle of "One China". It underlines the necessity of resolving the question of Taiwan peacefully through constructive dialogue.

The EU hopes that every effort will be made to clarify misunderstandings and to maintain constructive dialogue. It urges both sides to avoid taking steps or making statements which increase tension.
