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DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
CONCERNING THE VERDICTS AGAINST IRANIAN INTELLECTUALS FOR THEIR
PARTICIPATION IN A CONFERENCE ON IRAN IN BERLIN IN APRIL 2000

The European Union expresses its deep concern about the news of the harsh verdicts pronounced by the Revolutionary Court in Tehran against representatives of the academic and intellectual community in Iran. The European Union considers the verdicts to be in contradiction with the international standards of human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as the Iranian Government's efforts to establish a civil society and reinforce the rule of law.

The Union welcomes the acquittal of some of the accused and hopes that the appeals procedure for the convicted, which will be followed closely by the Union, will lead to the acquittal for all.

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