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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON
THE ENACTMENT OF THE D'AMATO LEGISLATION**

The European Union reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms regardless of its motives and shares the concerns of the United States in this area. It will continue to participate actively in international efforts to defeat this threat. It too wishes to see an improvement in cooperation by Iran and Libya with the international community.

The European Union notes with considerable concern the enactment by the US of legislation with extraterritorial effect in respect of Iran and Libya. The European Union's opposition to measures of this nature has been clearly stated on a number of occasions. The EU does not believe that this legislation is an appropriate or an effective means of combatting international terrorism.

The European Union recalls the new impetus given to EU-US relations through the adoption of the New Transatlantic Agenda and regrets any development which could affect this. It requests the US Administration to reflect on the effects of the new legislation, in particular its capacity to damage the international trading system and urges it to work with its partners to protect and promote an open international trading environment.

The Union reaffirms its determination to act in the appropriate international fora, including the World Trade Organization, in defence of its rights and interests and to show solidarity in defence of the interests of Member State companies if these are affected by the legislation.