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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the recent killing in Cyprus**

The European Union strongly condemns the killing by soldiers of the forces on the north of Cyprus of an unarmed Greek Cypriot civilian, Mr Petros Kakoullis, on 13 October, in the zone within which Turkish and Turkish Cypriot forces operate. The European Union deplores this latest tragic death, as it does all the violent deaths which have occurred recently in Cyprus.

The European Union fully endorses the principle stated by the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) that deadly force must not be used by either side against persons who cross the respective cease-fire lines, or enter the UN buffer zone. The European Union calls on both sides to look urgently at measures aimed at removing live ammunition from front line posts and increasing the area of demanning as called for in UN Security Council resolutions.

The European Union would repeat its call for restraint on all sides, in order to avert further such tragic deaths. It believes that these events only underline the need to redouble efforts to seek progress on dialogue between both communities, with the objective of achieving a comprehensive political settlement to the Cyprus question, under the aegis of the United Nations.

The European Union, for its part, will seek to encourage and promote efforts aimed at an early resumption of dialogue between both communities, on the basis of UN Security Council resolutions.
