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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the elections in  
Zambia**

The European Union is monitoring closely the forthcoming presidential and parliamentary elections in Zambia. The Union hopes that, even at this late stage, it will still be possible to hold elections which are free and fair and acceptable to all parties including UNIP. The Union emphasises the need for the highest standards on all sides in the run-up to the elections, in the holding of the elections themselves and in the conduct of public office generally.

Bulgaria, Cyprus, Republic of Estonia, Hungary, Republic of Latvia, Republic of Lithuania, Romania, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia and the Czech Republic align themselves with this declaration.

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