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**DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
ON MYANMAR**

Recalling the Common Position on Myanmar which was adopted by the Council on 28 October 1996, the European Union is deeply concerned by the aggression committed against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other National League for Democracy (NLD) leaders on Saturday, 9 November 1996.

The EU holds the State Law and Order Restoration Council responsible for safeguarding the security of the NLD leaders and considers that these incidents mark a clear deterioration in the political situation.

The EU calls for a full and thorough investigation and explanation of what happened on 9 November. Those responsible should be brought to justice.

The EU appeals to the Government of Myanmar to exercise maximum restraint and to guarantee safety, liberty and free expression to all those undertaking normal political activities in support of democracy.

The EU will monitor the situation very carefully to watch for any repetition of such acts, which would be bound to inflict further damage to Myanmar's international standing.

The EU calls on the Government of Myanmar to engage without delay in a meaningful dialogue with representatives of the democratic movement as the only way to bring the country to national reconciliation.