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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the local elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

The EU has noted that a significant number of the local election results in urban centres have been set aside and will be re-run in a third round of voting. The EU has also noted opposition allegations of irregularities in the conduct of the elections in a number of municipalities and particularly in the town of Nis.

In the spirit of ensuring that these, and other elections, are held in a truly democratic manner, the EU urges the Serbian authorities to ensure that these allegations of irregularities are thoroughly investigated: and that the re-run of the elections in the areas identified by the electoral commission is conducted in full accordance with international democratic norms, including full access by all political parties to electoral offices and voter lists. Compliance with these norms is a key factor in the development of FRY's relationship with the EU.
