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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on account of the coup attempt in the Central African Republic**

The European Union condemns the attempted coup d'Etat in the Central African Republic and deeply regrets the loss of life that has occurred.

The European Union reiterates the inadmissibility of the use of force to attain political or economic goals.

The European Union further calls upon all parties in the Central African Republic to show restraint, to adhere to the constitutional order and to solve the problems through dialogue within the framework of democratic principles. It underlines the necessity to respect human rights and the rule of law.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.

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