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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
concerning the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The European Union today held a meeting in Brussels with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ms MITREVA.

The Union reiterated its attachment to the inviolability of borders, the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The European Union welcomed the signing of a general cease-fire. It calls upon all parties to observe the cease-fire in full.

In line with its earlier declarations, in particular the conclusions of the General Affairs Council meeting on 25 June 2001, the European Union calls in particular for the stepping up of political dialogue, with a view to arriving swiftly at substantial, observable, tangible political reforms.

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