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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
following the swearing in of the President of Iran

The European Union wishes to offer President Khatami its warmest congratulations on the occasion of his swearing in before the Iranian Parliament on 8 August 2001.

The Union hopes that, given the massive support for him expressed by Iranian electors at the election on 8 June 2001, this second term of office by the Head of State will consolidate the process of democratisation and freedom, and the reinforcement of the rule of law.

The European Union hopes to strengthen its ties with Iran and, in a spirit of cooperation, expresses its readiness to be associated with the implementation of the reforms set out by President Khatami.

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