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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on
the centenary of the Nobel Peace Prize**

On the occasion of the Nobel Peace Prize centenary celebrations on 8 December in Oslo and the 10th anniversary of Ms Aung San Suu Kyi winning this prestigious award, the European Union regrets that the General Secretary of the National League for Democracy is not in position to grace the celebrations with her presence.

The European Union salutes Ms Aung San Suu Kyi's patient and non-violent work for national reconciliation and democracy and reiterates its hope that the dialogue begun one year ago between the authorities and the democratic opposition will rapidly prove fruitful.

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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