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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the decision of the Indonesian People's Consultative Assembly  
on East Timor**

The European Union welcomes the decision of the Indonesian People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) on 19 October to declare as void the 1978 decree incorporating East Timor to Indonesia. This decision is an important step in the UN-led process to pursue arrangements for a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority in East Timor to the United Nations.

The EU, together with the international community, looks forward to a smooth and peaceful transition of East Timor to full independence and trusts that the Government of Indonesia will fully co-operate to this aim.

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

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