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Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the situation in Indonesia

The European Union wants to see a strong, united and democratic Indonesia. It supports the territorial integrity of Indonesia. The EU welcomes the new Indonesian Government's decision to resolve differences by dialogue rather than military means.

The EU strongly endorses the new Indonesian Government's efforts to find a peaceful solution to the situation in Aceh as well as other parts of Indonesia. It calls on all parties to refrain from violence.

The EU supports in particular an inclusive dialogue in Aceh between all concerned. It welcomes the expressed determination of the Government of Indonesia to meet Acehese grievances. It supports the work of Komnas HAM to bring to account those responsible for violations of human rights, whether committed by civilians or the military, and calls on all parties concerned to collaborate fully in this investigation.
