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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Somalia

The European Union welcomes the decision adopted by the 7th Summit of Heads of States and Government of IGAD in Djibouti on November 26 to endorse and give full support to the initiative taken by its chairman, president Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti, on the crisis in Somalia.

The Union is looking forward to examining the detailed proposals and the mechanism for their implementation that IGAD is going to elaborate in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Somalia. On this basis, the EU support will be considered in the light of the conclusions of the meeting of the Committee on Somalia of the IGAD Partners Forum held in Rome on 19-20 October 1999 and of its approach in favour of the establishment of regional governance structures based on participatory processes with the full involvement of civil society, which would provide a foundation for a future national government and preserving the sovereignty and unity of Somalia.

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