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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the conduct of the Presidential elections in Togo**

The European Union expresses deep concern about the conduct of the Presidential elections in Togo on 21 June. In particular the European Union deplores the announcement of results before all the votes had been counted, and the failure of the authorities to respect the Togolese electoral code.

In light of these developments the European Union has serious doubts about the credibility of the election results announced by the Minister of the Interior on 24 June.

This is a matter of particular regret given that at the request of the Togolese authorities the European Union had given wide ranging support to the electoral process.

The European Union, which fully supports the freedom of the Togolese people to express their wishes, will draw its own conclusions from the current situation.

The European Union further urges all parties involved to refrain from violence.
