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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning the decision by the Peruvian President, Alberto Fujimori, to organise fresh elections

The European Union has taken good note of the decision by President Fujimori to call fresh general elections as soon as possible and not to stand as a candidate in these.

It welcomes the fact that President Fujimori has demanded an in-depth investigation into the corruption revealed on 14 September. It calls for the establishment of a climate that enables Peruvian justice to act with impartiality.

The European Union wishes to see all State institutions and political sectors playing their part in maintaining the stability necessary to overcome the current situation, and encourages the Peruvian authorities to take all steps necessary to consolidate the rule of law. In particular, it appeals for rapid application of the recommendations made by the High-level Mission of the OAS.

The European Union hopes that every effort will be made to ensure that the general elections announced will take place in compliance with the law and democratic rules, in keeping with the principles contained in the Rio Declaration of June 1999.

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

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