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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on withdrawal of diplomatic missions staff from the FRY

Given a still outstanding breakthrough in Rambouillet, and in case this cannot be achieved, the EU presidency points out that action is in hand for a coordinated and phased withdrawal of staff from EU diplomatic missions in the FRY, according to the specific needs and priorities of each mission.

The EU is taking this action in the context of, and in full accordance with, its repeatedly underlined determination that a peaceful outcome should be achieved in the Rambouillet negotiations concerning Kosovo.