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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
concerning Zimbabwe**

The European Union has taken note of the statement made to Parliament by the Zimbabwean Minister for Home Affairs concerning the searches carried out by the police at the offices of the Movement for Democratic Change and of the latter's reaction.

Without commenting on the facts of the matter, the European Union reiterates its wish to see the Zimbabwean authorities work with the opposition and civil society to develop a constructive dialogue respecting the rights of everyone.

While keeping abreast of developments, the European Union confirms its willingness to cooperate with all Zimbabweans who accept these principles.

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

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