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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the humanitarian cease-fire in Sudan**

The European Union welcomes the decision of the Government of Sudan of 5 August to declare a 70 day humanitarian cease-fire. The European Union remains, however, very concerned of the humanitarian situation in South Sudan caused by the long civil war and continuous fighting.

The European Union calls upon the Government of Sudan and the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement to fully implement their respective commitments to humanitarian cease-fire and cover all areas of humanitarian needs and activities of the Operation Lifeline Sudan, and to enter into a mutual agreement on a permanent comprehensive humanitarian cease-fire.

The European Union also strongly calls on the both sides to fully carry out, in good faith their commitment to the IGAD peace process.

The European Union reiterates its full support to the IGAD peace process.

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