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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
regarding a declaration by the countries of Central and Eastern Europe,
Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, countries associated with the European Union,
and EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area,
on the appearance at the ITCY of Mr Blagoje Simic**

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, declare that they subscribe to the declaration by the European Union on the appearance at the ITCY of Mr Blagoje Simic, published in Brussels and Stockholm, 12 March 2001.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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