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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on resumed India-Pakistan dialogue

The European Union has taken note of Prime Minister A B Vajpayee's invitation to General Pervez Musharraf to visit India at his early convenience. The European Union welcomes this initiative and is encouraged by positive reactions, welcoming the invitation, expressed by Government representatives in Islamabad.

The European Union encourages the continued commitment by India and Pakistan to exercise restraint along the Line of Control.

The European Union continues to call upon all parties to show the utmost moderation on the ground, honour their undertakings, consider fresh confidence building measures and, acting in good faith, resolutely engage in sincere, constructive dialogue in keeping with the spirit of Lahore.

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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