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### Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the current situation in Georgia

I would like to draw the attention of participating States to the following Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the current situation in Georgia, issued on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007, and I quote:

“The European Union expresses its deep concern at recent developments that have taken place in Georgia, with the declaration of a state of emergency as the latest escalation.

The European Union urges all parties involved to immediately engage in a constructive dialogue in order to pacify the current situation and find appropriate and prompt solutions to the core issues. The existing political tensions must be solved without infringing democratic principles or fundamental rights, including the freedom of the media.

Furthermore, the European Union urges the parties concerned to exercise the necessary restraint and refrain from using language and actions that could further deepen the political crisis.” End of quote.