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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Tibet

The European Union welcomes the fourth round of talks between the envoys of the Dalai Lama and members of the Chinese Government that took place at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Berne, Switzerland on 30 June and 1 July 2005.

The EU strongly supports the continuation of dialogue which it hopes will bring about serious negotiations leading to a peaceful and sustainable solution for Tibet that both sides agree upon.

The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries Turkey and Croatia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

* Croatia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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