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European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Delegation for Relations with South Asia

Statement by the Chairpersons

on the situation in Sri Lanka

The Chairpersons of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Delegation for Relations with South Asia have expressed concern as regards the decision of President Sirisena to dissolve the Sri Lankan parliament.

Sri Lanka's commitment to the rule of law, good governance and human rights is key to its prosperity and international reputation, and a fundamental pillar of its relations with the European Union. We call upon all relevant parties to find a peaceful and democratic solution to the current impasse and to respect its democratic institutions.

Furthermore, national reconciliation and accountability are key for Sri Lanka's future.

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