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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union  
on the destruction of houses in East Jerusalem**

The European Union expresses its deep concern regarding the destruction of Palestinian houses carried out in recent days by the Israeli authorities, in several areas of East Jerusalem.

The European Union recalls that these operations, which seriously affect the life of the residents of these areas, are illegal under international law and calls on the Israeli authorities to put an end to them as soon as possible.

In this context, the European Union also calls on Israel to refrain from all unilateral measures that may prejudice the result of the final status negotiations, particularly in Jerusalem.

**P R E S S**

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

*\* Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.*

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