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Letter dated 5 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 5 August 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the occasion of the Accra agreement of 30 July 2004 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement issued on 5 August 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the occasion of the Accra agreement of 30 July 2004

The European Union welcomes the political agreement reached in Accra on 30 July 2004 by the protagonists in the Côte d'Ivoire crisis.

It acclaims the initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General and the President in office of ECOWAS, as well as the support provided by the many African Heads of State present in Accra.

The European Union would urge all the parties concerned to commit themselves resolutely to full, practical application of the provisions of this agreement within the general framework outlined in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement.

The candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia,* the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.