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**Letter dated 23 November 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the Andijan trial issued on 18 November 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (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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**Statement on the Andijan trial issued on 18 November 2005  
by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**

The European Union has been closely following the trial in Uzbekistan of 15 individuals in relation to the events in Andijan on 12 and 13 May 2005, which concluded on 14 November.

The European Union shares many of the serious concerns about the conduct of the trial expressed on 26 October by the United Nations Special Rapporteurs and the Independent Expert on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and those expressed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The European Union looks forward to the early publication of the report of the team from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights which followed the trial.

The European Union has serious concerns about the credibility of the case presented by the prosecution and believes that defence procedures were inadequate to ensure a fair trial. The European Union would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns with the Uzbek Government.

The trial focused on the attacks on the army barracks, prison and SNB (National Security Service) building, as well as the occupation of the Hokimyat (Mayor's Office). While recognizing the criminal nature of these attacks, the European Union is concerned that the trial paid little attention to the substantial number of reports, including from eyewitnesses, alleging that the Uzbek military and security forces committed grave human rights violations while curbing the demonstrations.

The European Union continues to place primary importance on a credible and transparent independent international inquiry into the events of 12 and 13 May. The European Union stands ready to discuss all of these matters in its ongoing dialogue with Uzbekistan.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia\* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, 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, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

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