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Letter dated 1 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative 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 elections in Liberia issued on 11 November 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

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

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Statement on the elections in Liberia issued on 11 November 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union is pleased to note that the elections in Liberia on 8 November passed generally peacefully, and with a significant voter turnout.

We welcome the generally good organization of the elections by the National Elections Commission and the support of the United Nations Mission in Liberia peacekeeping force, including in helping to maintain a secure and peaceful environment for the vote. We commend both parties for their conduct during the campaigning and on voting day itself.

This presidential election is an important achievement in Liberia's return to a normally functioning state. The European Union congratulates the people of Liberia for demonstrating a clear commitment to peace and democracy and a desire to move on from the period of the conflict that has beset their nation.

The European Union calls upon the candidates and their parties and supporters to continue to demonstrate the responsible attitude which they have shown during campaigning and voting, and to abide by established procedures. The European Union Election Observation Mission will remain in Liberia to monitor all remaining aspects of the electoral process, including the appeals and complaints procedures.

The European Union reaffirms its intention to continue to support Liberia on its path towards a stable democratic future and to work together with the democratically elected Government and President of Liberia. The European Union also takes this opportunity to reiterate the importance of the new Government, Senate and House of Representatives cooperating fully with the international community in ensuring that former President Charles Taylor is brought before the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

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.

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