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DECLARATION ON PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION
OF BALLISTIC MISSILES

Strengthening international norms and political instruments to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery is of prime importance to the EU. We are committed to contributing to the achievement of this goal. We stress the need to maintain strict enforcement of our national export controls and to reinforce the multilateral non-proliferation and export control regimes.

As for the particular challenge posed by the proliferation of ballistic missiles, we consider that this commitment should be complemented by a global and multilateral approach, in accordance with the Conclusions of the 14 May 2001 General Affairs Council.

We are of the view that the European Union, which is committed to the reinforcement of disarmament and non-proliferation multilateral instruments, should play a leading role in contributing to these efforts.

We invite the Council to adopt without delay a common position on the fight against ballistic missile proliferation based on the universalisation of the international code of conduct proposed by MTCR members. This initiative could lead, in due time, to the convening of an international Conference.

This initiative will be pursued in full transparency with the European Union’s key partners.
DECLARATION ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

We focussed our discussion on the current situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The High Representative for CFSP has given us an account of his last visit to Skopje together with the Secretary General of NATO. We strongly commend HR Solana’s decisive action in the current crisis. We welcome the cooperation with NATO and USA.

We reiterate our strong attachment to the inviolability of the internationally recognised borders in the region and to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of FYROM, as one multi-ethnic State.

We reaffirm the necessity of a political solution. This implies:

- the opening of a true dialogue covering all issues on the agenda, including the constitutional issues; we welcome the readiness of President Trajkovski and the national unity government to act accordingly. We urge them to achieve tangible progress now and look forward to Prime Minister Georgievski’s report to the General Affairs Council on 25 June;

- the establishment of a durable peace; it is imperative that the cease-fire is maintained. We strongly condemn any resort to violence. President Trajkovski’s plan for disarmament adopted by the government is a good basis for progress in this direction. We call on all democratic forces in FYROM, on neighbouring countries and on the international community to unite against extremism.

Steps to consolidate a cease-fire will be necessary without delay.

We declare that the European Union stands ready to build on progress made in the current talks and to engage further in facilitation of the political dialogue in FYROM.

In this context, we have agreed to appoint, for a limited period of time, a representative of the EU, resident in Skopje, who will act under the authority of the HR. The EU will continue to act in close cooperation with NATO as well as with the main partners and organisations involved. We invite the Council to take the appropriate measures.

We announce that an agreement in the political dialogue on substantial reforms will create the conditions for the EU to provide further assistance to FYROM.

We reiterate the EU’s determination to exercise its responsibility. With our key partners we will promote the region’s stability, democratic development and prosperity, in particular through the Stabilisation and Association Process and the Stability Pact.
DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE GÖTEBORG EUROPEAN COUNCIL

• Presidency report on the debate on the Future of the European Union
  (9520/01 + COR 1)

• Preparing the Council for enlargement
  (9518/01 + ADD 1 REV 1)

• Commission communication: A Sustainable Europe for a Better World: A European Union Strategy for Sustainable Development
  (9175/01)

• Council (General Affairs) report on environmental integration in the external policies within the remit of the General Affairs Council
  (7791/01 + COR1)

• Council (Internal Market, Consumer Affairs, Tourism) Report: Strategy for the integration of environmental protection and sustainable development into internal market policy
  (8970/01)

• Council (Agriculture) Conclusions on environmental integration and sustainable development in the Common Agricultural Policy
  (8486/01)

• Council (Fisheries) Conclusions on integration of environmental concerns and sustainable development into the Common Fisheries Policy
  (7885/01 + COR I(sw))

• Council (Transport) - Council Resolution on the follow-up to the Cardiff/Helsinki Summit on the integration of environment and sustainable development into the transport policy
  (7329/01)

• Council (Energy/Industry) conclusions on a strategy of integration of sustainable development into the Enterprise policy of the European Union
  (8328/01)

• Council (Energy/Industry) resolution on the integration of environmental aspects and sustainable development into energy policy
  (8490/01)
• Council (Development) conclusions on a strategy on the integration of environmental concerns into EC economic and development co-operation to promote sustainable development  
  (8971/01)

• Recommandation du Conseil du 15 juin 2001 sur les grandes orientations des politiques économiques des États Membres et de la Communauté  
  (9326/01)

• Presidency report on all the aspects of the tax package (prepared in close collaboration with the Commission services)  
  (9548/01)

• The Social Protection Committee's report on the sustainability of pensions  
  (8792/01+ ADD 1)

• Presidency report on European Security and Defence Policy  
  (9526/1/01 REV 1 + REV 2 (de))

• European Union programme for the prevention of violent conflicts  
  (9537/1/01 REV 1)

• Council (General Affairs) conclusions on EU-UN cooperation in conflict prevention and crisis management  
  (9528/2/01 REV 2)

• High Representative/Commission report on an enhanced role in promoting the resumption of the Middle-East peace process

• Presidency/Commission Full Report on Northern Dimension Policies  
  (9804/01)

• Council (General Affairs) report on the implementation of the Common Strategy on the Mediterranean Region  
  (9124/01)

• Council (General Affairs) report on the implementation of the Common Strategy on Russia  
  (9805/01)

• Council (General Affairs) report on the Review of the Stabilisation and Association Process  
  (9765/01)

• Presidency Report on the Outermost Regions: State of play  
  (9815/01)