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Syria: Statement by the Presidency on behalf of EU leaders meeting at Hampton Court, 27 October 2005 (27/10/05)

EU Leaders meeting at Hampton Court today welcomed the report of the UN International Investigation Commission under Judge Detlev Mehlis. The report's conclusions are very serious. The Leaders welcomed agreement to extend the ICC's mandate until December. The Leaders expressed their full support for the UN Security Council's determination to see justice done in this case, and deplored the clear indication that Syria has not cooperated fully with the investigating team. This is of particular concern given Judge Mehlis' identification of evidence of Syrian involvement in the assassination of Rafik Hariri. The Leaders call upon Syria to cooperate unconditionally with the investigators as they continue their efforts to bring about justice in respect of these appalling crimes.

The Leaders underlined the importance of working to ensure the sovereignty of Lebanon, in recognition of its people's clearly expressed aspirations for democracy and independence. The Leaders look forward to decisive action by the UN Security Council in support of these aims.

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South Asian Earthquake: Statement by the Presidency on behalf of EU leaders meeting at Hampton Court, 27 October 2005 (27/10/05)

EU leaders meeting at Hampton Court today expressed their sympathy and solidarity for all those affected by the South Asian earthquake. The EU is committed to supporting the UN's renewed appeal for assistance to help with the ongoing tragedy as winter approaches. The EU and its Member States have pledged over €200m and Member States have also contributed helicopters, aircraft and engineers to the international relief effort. We stand ready to do more. The Commission has pledged an additional €80m on top of the €13.6m it committed in the immediate aftermath.

The EU emphasises the importance it places on reacting swiftly and effectively to disasters of this kind, including the hurricanes and tropical storms that have devastated parts of Central America and the southern United States of America, in the same spirit of solidarity and sympathy. The last GAERC agreed conclusions in this regard on the South Asian Earthquake and Tropical Storm Stan. Following these, and in light of the Tsunami last year, we are determined to make our disaster response across the board more effective.

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