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### REGIONS:

#### AFRICA

Déclarations dans le cadre de la politique étrangère et de sécurité commune (PESC):  
Declaration on the situation in Darfur:  
[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/102913.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/102913.pdf)

#### AMERICAS

#### ASIA

Déclarations dans le cadre de la politique étrangère et de sécurité commune (PESC):  
Myanmar: Declaration following the release of U Win Tin:  
[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/102932.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/102932.pdf)

#### Principaux résultats du Sommet Union-européenne-Inde

Le neuvième sommet entre l'Union européenne et l'Inde s'est tenu à Marseille le 29 septembre 2008. Les dirigeants ont examiné les situations régionales, les questions mondiales et le renforcement des relations entre l'UE et l'Inde.

#### Communiqué de presse, plan d'action et programme de travail communs (FR) :

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/er/103156.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/er/103156.pdf)

#### English:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/er/103155.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/er/103155.pdf)

#### EUROPE (INCLUDING EU)

#### **Latvian death penalty debate rumbles on** - 25.09.2008 - 09:29

The head of the Latvian parliament's human rights committee has called for an EU-wide debate on reinstating the death penalty, as a new capital punishment debate has emerged in the country following the murder of a young girl.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26807/?rk=1>

#### **EU states still keen to relax Belarus sanctions** - 30.09.2008 - 09:22

Poland and Lithuania remain keen to review EU sanctions on Belarus despite a critical OSCE verdict on the weekend's parliamentary elections, with the country's neighbours saying it is more important to hold back Russia than to punish the flawed vote.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26829/?rk=1>

#### **[Comment] The EU should not recognise elections in Belarus** - 30.09.2008 - 09:28

After the war in Georgia last month, Belarus' recent election took on broader significance. But the EU should not recognise these elections in any form and must resist the temptation to

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trade its soft power as a promoter of democracy for geopolitical short-term gains, Michael Meyer-Resende of Democracy Reporting International tells EUobserver.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26830/?rk=1>

**EU examines ways to trim Belarus sanctions** - 01.10.2008 - 09:15

EU experts are preparing options on how to reduce Belarus sanctions, with a majority of EU states open to the idea of re-opening diplomatic ties with President Lukashenko's regime despite rigged elections.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26836/?rk=1>

**EU states agree to invite Belarus minister** - 03.10.2008 - 17:43

EU states have agreed to invite Belarus foreign minister Sergei Martynov to a prestigious meeting in Brussels, as the French EU presidency struggles to counter Russian diplomacy on the union's eastern fringe.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26861/?rk=1>

**EU peacekeepers to leave Bosnia** - 02.10.2008 - 09:21

The majority of EU defence ministers on Wednesday backed a withdrawal of the EU's peacekeeping force in Bosnia, but without committing to a specific date to do so.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26848/?rk=1>

### RUSSIAANDCENTRALASIA

**RussiaexpectstorestartEUtalksthismonth** - 03.10.2008 - 09:26

Moscow has expressed confidence that talks on a new EU-Russia partnership treaty - temporarily put on ice due to Russia's military presence in Georgia - could be resumed in October.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26856/?rk=1>

### MAGHREBANDMIDDLEEAST

Déclarations dans le cadre de la politique étrangère et de sécurité commune (PESC):  
Declaration on the religious minorities in Iran:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/103057.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/103057.pdf)

**THEMATIC :**

### JUSTICEANDHOMEAFFAIRS

### EXTERNALRELATIONSANDDEVELOPMENT-RELATEDISSUES

### EU / UN

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