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REGIONS:

AFRICA

Javier Solana, Haut Représentant de l'UE pour la PESC, s'inquiète des derniers développements dans les Kivus, en **République démocratique du Congo**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/declarations/103199.pdf

Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the EU on the situation in the east of the **DRC**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/103278.pdf

Déclaration sur la situation dans l'Est de la RDC :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/cfsp/103279.pdf

Council conclusions on **Zimbabwe**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103301.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur le Zimbabwe:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103293.pdf

Seventh meeting of the **EU-Morocco** Association Council :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103305.pdf

Septième session du Conseil d'association UE-Maroc:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/103304.pdf

AMERICAS

Council Conclusions on the **EU-Mexico strategic partnership**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103289.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur le partenariat stratégique UE-Mexique :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/103290.pdf

ASIA

EUROPE (INCLUDING EU)

Abkhazians call for recognition in European Parliament - 07.10.2008 - 09:26

Abkhazia would never accept to return to Georgia and still hopes for international recognition of its independence, as well as for the EU to include it in its neighbourhood policy, representatives of the breakaway province told MEPs during a hearing on Monday organized by the Green Party.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26877/?rk=1>

Russia removes checkpoint, blames Georgia for blast - 06.10.2008 - 10:03

Russian troops removed on Sunday (5 October) one checkpoint near the breakaway province of South Ossetia, in line with a plan to pull out from Georgia proper by 10 October. But tensions run high after Moscow blamed Georgian secret services for a car bomb on Friday that killed nine Russians in the South Ossetian capital.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26868/?rk=1>

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[Comment] A mission for all of Georgia - 07.10.2008 - 09:25

It may be remarkable to see EU monitors in Stalin's old home town of Gori. But if the monitoring mission does not enter South Ossetia and Abkhazia, it risks de facto recognition of Georgia's partition and a new frozen conflict, the International Crisis Group Sabine Frazer says.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26876/?rk=1>

Russian troops must withdraw from disputed Georgian territories, EUMM chief says - 13.10.2008 - 09:30

Russian troops must withdraw from the areas inside South Ossetia and Abkhazia previously controlled by Georgian authorities, namely Akhagori district and Kodori valley, Hansjorg Haber, head of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM) told EUObserver.

<http://euobserver.com/9/26912/?rk=1>

Georgia: Statement by EU HR Javier SOLANA on the **withdrawal of Russian troops**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/esdp/103230.pdf

Council Conclusions on **Georgia/Russia**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103297.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur la Géorgie / Russie :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/103298.pdf

Council Conclusions on the **Republic of Moldova**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103287.pdf

Council of Europe anti-torture Committee publishes report on **Croatia**

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/hrv/2008-10-09-eng.htm>

Le Comité anti-torture du Conseil de l'Europe publie un rapport sur la Croatie

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/hrv/2008-10-09-fra.htm>

Council of Europe anti-torture Committee visits **Greece**

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/grc/2008-10-07-eng.htm>

Visite du Comité anti-torture du Conseil de l'Europe en Grèce

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/grc/2008-10-07-fra.htm>

Council conclusions on **Belarus** :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103299.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur la Biélorussie:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/103296.pdf

European Parliament resolution of 9 October 2008 on the situation in **Belarus** after the parliamentary elections of 28 September 2008

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2008-0470+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

EU welcomes back Belarus autocrat - 13.10.2008 - 17:44

EU foreign ministers on Monday lifted a visa ban on Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko and Uzbekistan president-in-waiting Rustam Inoyatov.

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But EU diplomats say Mr Lukashenko is not off the hook for crimes committed under his watch.
<http://euobserver.com/9/26922/?rk=1>

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA

Clock ticking on EU sanctions against Uzbekistan - 06.10.2008 - 09:28

EU sanctions on Uzbekistan expire on 13 November despite the country's relapse into disturbing human rights abuses, with Germany exploiting the EU legal system to try and scrap a visa ban list.
<http://euobserver.com/9/26867/?rk=1>

Uzbekistan jails reporter in EU sanctions 'test' - 13.10.2008 - 11:22

Uzbekistan has jailed a prominent journalist on the eve of an EU decision on sanctions, with Human Rights Watch saying that EU states will undermine foreign policy credibility if they let Tashkent off the hook.
<http://euobserver.com/9/26917/?rk=1>

Council Conclusions on **Uzbekistan** :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/103295.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur l'Ouzbékistan:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/gena/103294.pdf

EU-Russia treaty talks risk indefinite delay - 09.10.2008 - 09:18

Negotiations on a new EU-Russia treaty could be held up despite Russia's pull-back from Georgia "buffer zones" on Wednesday, with Lithuania pushing for Russian troop scale-back in South Ossetia and Abkhazia as well before talks restart.
<http://euobserver.com/9/26897/?rk=1>

Council of Europe anti-torture Committee visits the **Russian Federation**

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/rus/2008-10-09-eng.htm>

Visite du Comité anti-torture du Conseil de l'Europe en Fédération de Russie

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/rus/2008-10-09-fra.htm>

MAGHREB AND MIDDLE EAST

THEMATIC :

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT-RELATED ISSUES

Remarks by EU HR Javier SOLANA at the Conference "**National Interests and European Foreign Policy**" in Berlin:

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http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/discours/103221.pdf

HR based approach report

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MISCELLANEOUS

Déclarations dans le cadre de la politique étrangère et de sécurité commune (PESC):

World Day against the Death Penalty (10 October):

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/103270.pdf

Journée mondiale contre la peine de mort (10 octobre) :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/cfsp/103271.pdf

EU HR Javier SOLANA congratulates **Martti AHTISAARI** on being awarded the 2008 **Nobel Peace Prize**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/declarations/103276.pdf