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REGIONS:

AFRICA

AMERICAS

ASIA

Déclaration de la présidence du Conseil de l'Union européenne sur la condamnation à des peines de prison de militants des droits de l'homme en **Birmanie**:

http://www.ue2008.fr/PFUE/lang/fr/accueil/activites/PFUE/lang/fr/evenementsJournalistes?categorie=PFUE_TYPE_DOC_FOND

Déclaration de la présidence du Conseil de l'Union européenne sur l'agression de jeunes filles aspergées d'acide à **Kandahar** :

http://www.ue2008.fr/PFUE/lang/fr/accueil/activites/PFUE/lang/fr/evenementsJournalistes?categorie=PFUE_TYPE_DOC_FOND

EUROPE (including EU)

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA

EU resumes **Russia** talks, isolating Lithuania - 11.11.2008 - 08:13

The European Union is set to return to the negotiating table with Russia in order to agree a new partnership treaty. But Lithuania has refused to bless the move, describing it "a mistake."

<http://euobserver.com/9/27080/?rk=1>

EU preparing to upgrade **Turkmenistan** relations - 11.11.2008 - 17:37

EU institutions are preparing to normalise relations with Turkmenistan, laying aside human rights benchmarks in a bureaucratic process marked by apathy and mistrust.

<http://euobserver.com/9/27086/?rk=1>

EU-Russia summit to ignore nuclear safety concerns - 14.11.2008 - 09:28

EU concerns about Russia's nuclear safety and human rights standards will not get much attention in Nice on Friday, as French President Nicolas Sarkozy celebrates his role in ending the Georgia war.

<http://euobserver.com/9/27109/?rk=1>

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MAGHREB AND MIDDLE EAST

DECLARATION ON THE EXECUTION OF GHOLAM-REZA H. IN **IRAN**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/104046.pdf EN

DECLARATION DE LA PRESIDENCE CONCERNANT L'EXECUTION DE GHOLAM-REZA H. EN IRAN :

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THEMATIC :

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT-RELATED ISSUES

EU / UN REFORM

MISCELLANEOUS

27th Quadripartite meeting **Council of Europe - European Union**, 10 November 2008,
Conclusions:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/misc/103989.pdf EN

“The participants expressed their concern over the recent conflict in **Georgia**, and underlined the importance of commitments that Georgia and Russia have undertaken under international law, including their commitments in the Council of Europe, inter alia to respect **human rights** and the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states.

(...)

They also discussed cooperation between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the region. Building upon the work already carried out jointly, they agreed to consider ways to enhance their cooperation in order to further consolidate the principles and standards of **human rights**, democracy and the rule of law in the **South-Caucasus**. (...)

The participants also reaffirmed the need for **Belarus** to progress further in adopting the fundamental values of democracy, respect for **human rights** and the rule of law.”