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REGIONS:

AFRICA

- Déclaration de la présidence du Conseil de l'Union européenne sur le **Nigéria** :

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

Statement by the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on Nigeria:

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

AMERICAS

ASIA

- Dalai Lama urges EU to get involved in **China-Tibet** dispute - 05.12.2008 - 08:49

Buddhist icon and Tibetan exile the Dalai Lama told MEPs on Thursday that Tibet was better off as part of China, but urged the EU to help the region gain greater autonomy, while attracting throngs of supporters and well-wishers in the EU capital.

<http://euobserver.com/9/27232/?rk=1>

- **China** scolds Sarkozy for meeting Dalai Lama - 08.12.2008 - 09:27

China has reacted angrily to a meeting between French president Nicolas Sarkozy and Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, on Saturday, warning of consequences for Beijing's relations not only with Paris, but with the EU as well.

<http://euobserver.com/9/27249/?rk=1>

EUROPE (including EU)

- Council of Europe anti-torture Committee publishes reports on **Moldova**

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/mda/2008-12-04-eng.htm>

Le Comité anti-torture du Conseil de l'Europe publie des rapports sur la Moldova

<http://www.cpt.coe.int/documents/mda/2008-12-04-fra.htm>

RUSSIA AND CENTRAL ASIA

MAGHREB AND MIDDLE EAST

- **Israel** wants closer co-operation with EU - 02.12.2008 - 17:41

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Israel wants to strengthen its relations with the EU and change what it calls Europe's "outdated" perception of the Jewish state in the hearts and minds of Europeans, the country's foreign minister, Tzipi Livni, told MEPs on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad warned the EU against this move, citing lack of progress in the Middle East peace process.

<http://euobserver.com/9/27216/?rk=1>

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THEMATIC :

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT-RELATED ISSUES

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