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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

Vienna, 21 June 2010

**Concerning the armed incident that occurred on 18 June 2010 in
Nagorno-Karabakh**

Mr. Chairperson,

The European Union deplores the armed incident that occurred in Nagorno-Karabakh on the night of Friday, 18 June, resulting in casualties.

Mr. Chairperson,

The European Union renews its call for strict observance of the ceasefire and urges the parties to respect in good faith their commitments not to resort to violence.

The European Union reaffirms its full support for the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on the Conflict Dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference, Ambassador Andrzej Kasprzyk, and his team in their work of monitoring the ceasefire on the line of contact and along the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which contributes to reducing tension in the conflict zone and preventing any new deterioration of the situation.

It also reaffirms its support for the work of the Minsk Group and the efforts of the three Co-Chairs to encourage the parties to arrive at a peaceful, negotiated settlement of the conflict, and appeals to the parties to redouble their efforts to reach a compromise.