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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union,  
the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union,  
the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries,  
members of the European Economic Area,  
on the European Union's contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and  
spread of small arms and light weapons**

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, declare that they share the objectives of Council Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP of 12 July 2002 on the European Union's contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons and repealing Joint Action 1999/34/CFSP.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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