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REGIONS:

AFRICA

- Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union, following the **ICC** prosecutor's new request for arrest warrants in connection with the situation in **Darfur**:
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/104269.pdf *EN*
Déclaration - La situation au Darfour :
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/cfsp/104270.pdf

- Déclaration de la présidence du Conseil de l'Union européenne sur le **Zimbabwe** :
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 Zimbabwe:
http://www.ue2008.fr/PFUE/lang/en/accueil/activites/PFUE/lang/en/evenementsJournalistes?categorie=PFUE_TYPE_DOC_FOND

"The European Union has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to the people of Zimbabwe and its willingness, once it has guarantees on the restoration of the rule of law and the respect for **human rights**, to adopt together important measures that should result in the consolidation of democracy and ensure the country's economic and social recovery."

AMERICAS

ASIA

- Report du **Sommet UE/Chine** : Déclaration de l'Union européenne:
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/er/104305.pdf

- Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the **execution** of Mr WO WEIHAN in **Beijing**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/104380.pdf *EN*

Chine - exécution de M. Wo Weihang:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/cfsp/104381.pdf

EUROPE(includingEU)

RUSSIAANDCENTRALASIA

- Brussels to recognise 'European aspirations' of **post-Soviet states** - 24.11.2008 - 17:38

The European Commission is to propose pulling the EU's six post-Soviet neighbours closer to the West by recognising their "European aspirations" and creating a new European Economic Area. But a draft communique indicates that EU-Russia relations have preferential status.

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<http://euobserver.com/9/27167/?rk=1>

- EU-**Central Asia** Ministerial Conference, "Rule of Law - Cornerstone of Development":

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/misc/104377.pdf

"The Conference underlined the importance of strengthening the rule of law as an essential condition for the development of a stable political framework, functioning economic structures and the effective protection of **human rights**."

MAGHREB AND MIDDLE EAST

- Council Conclusions on the reception of **Iraqi** refugees:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/jha/104360.pdf

Conclusions du Conseil sur l'accueil de réfugiés irakiens :

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/jha/104361.pdf

"In this context, as a signal of solidarity, the Council invites Member States to take in Iraqi refugees in a particularly vulnerable situation such as those with particular medical needs, trauma **or torture victims**, members of religious minorities or women on their own with family responsibilities."

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THEMATIC :

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT-RELATED ISSUES

EU/UN REFORM

MISCELLANEOUS

- Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the EU on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of **Violence against Women**:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/104276.pdf EN

Journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/fr/cfsp/104277.pdf

“The European Union is convinced that women have played and continue to play an essential role in the positive development of societies. It therefore intends to intensify action to combat violence against women in the world, by pursuing **three inseparable aims**: the prevention of violence, protection and support for victims, and combating the impunity of perpetrators of violence.”