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For a democratic Zimbabwe

Written declaration

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1. The violence and fraud that punctuated the recent elections in Zimbabwe were yet another illustration of that country's difficulties in treading a path towards social harmony.
2. Despite the results of the first round of the presidential and parliamentary elections of 29 March 2008 giving a majority to the opposition, the outgoing president did not hesitate to bring violent pressure to bear on the people.
3. In the face of these breaches of the most rudimentary principles of law and human dignity, the international community must, as a matter of urgency, join forces and at last make its voice heard, be it through the Council of Europe, the UN, the European Union or the African Union.
4. We cannot allow ourselves to compromise on the values that must govern the settlement of this situation.
5. It is our wish that a new consultation of the people of Zimbabwe be organised and that the United Nations observe proceedings. It is only such a course of action that could lastingly rehabilitate the political situation in Zimbabwe.
6. No measure, even of a transitional nature, must be overlooked to achieve that aim, particularly measures geared to forming a government of national unity.

Signed (see overleaf)



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