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Honduras GSP+

Dear Cathy,

Deep concern was expressed by our Executive Committee this week at the military coup in Honduras and the view was expressed that the EU should take all actions possible to help restore democratic government there.

We welcome steps already taken by the EU and Member States, including the withdrawal of Ambassadors and the postponement of the round of EU-Central America negotiations due this week. We would ask that the Commission now suspend GSP+ trade preferences to Honduras as a further means of pressure to obtain an immediate and total return to democracy in that country.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary