## EU jumps on cease fire bandwagon

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European Union diplomats have hailed the new cease fire called by the Palestinian Authority and Israel as a major development in the region, and stated that a new push should now be made to achieve a lasting solution to the conflict. The <a href="European Union">European Union</a> will hold two days of talks between the two sides in an effort to preserve the recent advances in the peace process. EU diplomats had been expected to agree on a statement regarding the cease fire, but no common language could be found.

**Quote:** " Given the bleak situation in the Middle East, diplomats said the gathering of foreign ministers may not produce a joint statement, leaving it to Finnish Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja, the meeting's chairman, to sum up his impressions afterward. Finland, which holds the EU presidency, has pushed hard for a declaration " but it has been impossible to agree on common language, " said an Israeli diplomat, who asked not to be identified because the issue is politically very sensitive.

French Foreign Minister Douste-Blazy has also <u>welcomed</u> the development, stating the international community should follow up on the initiative.

**Quote:** "Douste-Blazy called the quick decision a "major" development for the region. "The international community should not remain silent and inactive," but should take part in reviving the peace process, he said.

Looks like Europe has finally found its prophesied-role in the Middle East peace process. Whether this is the real thing or a precursor to the real thing, remains to be seen. But in any case, watch this space...

## Daniel 9:27

And he (Antichrist, head of the EU) shall confirm the covenant with many (nations) for one week (seven years): and in the midst of the week he shall—cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and—that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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