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Islamic Council

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H E Mr Jacques Santer
President of the European Commission
Brussels

Excellency,

The ferocity of the violence and the devastating and mounting loss of life in the agonising crisis in Algeria, now four years old, impel me to put forward for your consideration the widely felt opinion that the time has been reached for the world community, and in particular the European Union, to use its influence and resourcefulness to attempt to bring to an end this tragedy.

The crisis began with the arbitrary termination of Algeria's democratic process by the country's military regime. The cancellation of the national elections in early 1991 has since roused the Algerian people to claim the right they had won at the ballot box.

I appeal to you to move the European Union to intervene with the Western governments concerned, particularly the French, to urge them that , rather than aggravating further the already grim situation by taking sides, they should make constructive efforts to revive the democratic process in Algeria, as this alone holds the key to solve this deepening crisis. An end to turbulence in the Maghreb hinterland of Europe would of course be of benefit also to the European Union.

With my best wishes for a Happy New Year and my highest consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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