Joint statement by
the President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy and
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on the death of Osama Bin Laden

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Osama Bin Laden was a criminal responsible for heinous terrorist attacks that cost the lives of thousands of innocent people. His death makes the world a safer place and shows that such crimes do not remain unpunished.

This is a major achievement in our efforts to rid the world of terrorism. The European Union continues to stand shoulder to shoulder with the United States, our international partners and our friends in the Muslim world in combating the scourge of global extremism and in building a world of peace, security and prosperity for all.