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**EU Statement on the first anniversary of Mongolia joining  
the OSCE as a participating State**

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Mr. Chairman,

Exactly one year ago, on 21 November 2012, the Ministerial Council in its Decision No.2/12 welcomed Mongolia as a participating State of the OSCE. The European Union would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation for Mongolia's commitment to and its active interest and engagement in the work of our organisation.

We also welcome the request of the Mongolian government for an OSCE presence on its territory. We express our expectation that Mongolia's request will be given due consideration.

The European Union is looking forward to continuing its close co-operation with Mongolia within the OSCE.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\* and SERBIA\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates ALBANIA and BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, as well as the Republic of MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO, align themselves with this statement.

\* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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