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**EU Statement on the crash of Malaysian Airlines flight
MH17 on Ukrainian territory**

The European Union is shocked by the tragic loss of the Malaysian Airlines flight on its way from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur on Ukrainian territory and the loss of so many lives. Our thoughts are with the many whose relatives and friends were on board.

The circumstances must be clarified without delay and the international, independent and impartial investigation must shed full light on this tragedy. We call on all parties in the region of the crash to provide full access to the crash site, so that it can be secured immediately, to cooperate fully and to share all relevant information. In this regard, we welcome the statement by the Trilateral Contact Group of yesterday and the statement by the OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office on the readiness of the OSCE to offer support.

This is another stark illustration of why it is so urgent to bring this conflict to an end. Without prejudging the facts behind the crash, recalling the conclusions of the European Council on July 16th, we call on all parties to stop the senseless loss of life in eastern Ukraine, to refrain from any escalatory acts, and to agree to an immediate cease fire.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area