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## **STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 950th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

Vienna, 2 May 2013

### **Regarding the incidents in the Republic of Moldova**

The European Union (EU) is seriously concerned about the incidents that disturbed stability in the Security Zone in Moldova during the night of 26 to 27 April 2013. These incidents followed other recent tensions in the Security Zone. The EU appeals for calm and for refraining from any unilateral action that could further increase tensions and encourage other international actors to follow suit. In this regard, we welcome the prompt responses by the OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

The EU remains very attached to the discussions in the “5+2 format” and to ensuring freedom of movement between the two banks of the Dniester. We hope that the forthcoming “5+2” discussions, scheduled to be held in Odessa on 23 and 24 May, will enable progress to be made in this area and on other aspects of the settlement, including the political and security dimensions.

The acceding country Croatia<sup>1</sup>, the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro<sup>1</sup>, Iceland<sup>2</sup> and Serbia<sup>1</sup>, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the European Free Trade Association countries Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as Georgia and Andorra, align themselves with this statement.

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1 Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

2 Iceland continues to be a member of the European Free Trade Association.