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Exercises by the Russian Federation in Georgia's Breakaway  
Regions**

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The European Union and its Member States take note of the statement by Georgia and express our grave concern about the military exercises launched on 5 March by the Russian Federation in Georgia's breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South-Ossetia, which violates Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity and contradicts OSCE commitments, principles of international law and international commitments of the Russian Federation.

The EU reiterates its firm support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders as well as its concern about the continuing Russian military and security related presence and infrastructure reinforcements in the Georgian breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The EU calls on Russia to fulfil its international obligations, including to providing access for humanitarian organisations to the breakaway regions. We also reiterate our call for unhindered EUMM access.