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**EU Statement on Ukraine**

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The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement of President Van Rompuy on 19 February 2014, on behalf of the European Council, in which he expressed alarm at the situation in Ukraine, condemned the violence, expressed condolences to the families of those who died and called for de-escalation and a genuine dialogue. This afternoon, the Foreign Affairs Council will discuss the situation in Ukraine.

Mr. Chairman,

We reiterate our strong support to the efforts of the Chairmanship and our belief that the OSCE has an important and valuable role to play in assisting Ukraine to overcome its political crisis, including by facilitating dialogue between government and opposition. In this regard, we welcome that the CiO put forward its package of proposals yesterday. We encourage the Chairmanship to continue its close coordination with all actors, including international organisations such as the Council of Europe and the United Nations.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidates ALBANIA and BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as 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.

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