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**EU statement on Abduction and illegal detention of
Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation**

The European Union recalls that all hostages and illegally detained persons related to the conflict in and around Ukraine should be released as stipulated in the Minsk package.

As we stressed yesterday, this naturally includes Nadiya Savchenko who was kidnapped and illegally transferred to Russia in connection with the conflict in eastern Ukraine. It also includes Oleh Sentsov and all other Ukrainian citizens who are being illegally detained in Russia and the illegally annexed Crimea.

We once again call on Russia to respect its international commitments and immediately release all illegally detained Ukrainian citizens without further delay.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA Country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, MOLDOVA, GEORGIA 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.