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**EU Statement on LGBTI in Tajikistan**

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We note, according to the 'Qunuyiat', or government gazette equivalent, the existence of a list of some 367 individuals who have been identified by the Tajik government as lesbian, gay or bisexual. We would take this opportunity to actively remind the government of Tajikistan of its OSCE commitments to combat all forms of discrimination and to promote non-discrimination. We are concerned that the creation of such lists, regardless of their purpose, may lead to individuals becoming even more vulnerable to discrimination or hate crime. Therefore, we urge the government to ensure the safety and security of all its citizens, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex, in line with Tajikistan's international obligations.

The EU remains committed to a continued dialogue with Tajikistan on human dimension issues, including through the regular EU-Tajikistan human rights dialogue, whose last meeting took place on 12 October 2017.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, SERBIA\* and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA as well as UKRAINE align themselves with this statement.

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