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EU Statement on Kyiv outcome

The European Union (EU) and its Member States would like to thank the Luxembourg Chair of the Forum for Security Cooperation (FSC) for having organised this discussion allowing us to take stock of the FSC-related negotiations at the Kyiv Ministerial Council and draw lessons for the year 2014.

We would also like to congratulate the FSC Chairmanship and all participating States for their sincere and constructive efforts to achieve consensus on the two MC draft decisions, as well as on the update of the OSCE Principles Governing Non-Proliferation. We have lent our full support to such an endeavour and have not spared any effort in order to achieve tangible and mutually acceptable results.

Our efforts have been successful in some areas and not as successful as we would wish in others.

We believe that the MC decision on SALW and SCA represents a very good basis in this respect. We are ready therefore to redouble our efforts to put in practice its provisions in order to strengthen norms and activities in this area by improved implementation and increased coherence with the UN framework. In particular, we stress the need to continue discussing ways to review and update the OSCE SALW-commitments in the light, inter alia, of important recently adopted UN documents such as the ATT, UNSCR 2117, as well as UNSCR 2106 and 2122.

To this end and in line with our steadfast commitment to the UN-led ATT process, we intend to continue to actively support the early entry into force and effective implementation of the ATT and we encourage all OSCE participating States to sign and ratify the Treaty as soon as possible. As a regional security

organisation with a proven track record in SALW issues, we are convinced that the OSCE can play an important complementary role in the promotion of the ATT, which we believe will enhance peace and security.

We are disappointed that no consensus has been reached on the MC draft decision on Issues Relevant to the FSC for a second consecutive year. Nevertheless, the negotiations provided us with an opportunity of narrowing the gap between different perceptions of the FSC work with regard to the implementation of UNSCR 1540, women, peace and security and most importantly the modernisation process of the Vienna Document. On the latter, we believe enduring commitments underlined by all participating States in Astana and Vilnius to revitalise, update and modernise the major instruments for ensuring stability, predictability and transparency should be pursued in a pragmatic and forward looking manner.

To conclude, we are determined to build on the lessons learned and the impetus gained in the run up to and especially during the Kyiv MC. We are therefore in favour of continuing the discussions on those issues, including using the FSC Chairperson's Perception paper, in order to facilitate building consensus in the next year.

The candidate countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA^{*}, MONTENEGRO, ICELAND^{**} and SERBIA, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country ALBANIA, the European Free Trade Association countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, 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 EFTA and the European Economic Area.