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EU statement on current situation in Kyrgyzstan

The European Union is following the situation in Kyrgyzstan very closely and with continued concern while keeping close contact with our main international partners with a view to a shared approach to the new situation. We deplore the violence and the loss of life and would like to convey our condolences to the families and friends of the many victims.

In the present situation, all sides will need to show restraint and be ready to engage in dialogue. Peace, democracy and the rule of law must be upheld, in line with democratic principles and OSCE standards: this is the only way to resolve the country's current difficulties.

We support the continued engagement of the Chairmanship and the OSCE Secretariat and Institutions, as well as the Centre in Bishkek and thank them for their considerable efforts. We welcome the initiatives taken today by the Chairperson in Office, in particular dispatching his Special Envoy accompanied by the Director of the

CPC to Kyrgyzstan, as well as the CiO's coordination with the United Nations.

We continue to stand ready to assist Kyrgyzstan on its way to developing as a stable democratic country fully respecting international commitments.

Los países candidatos CROACIA* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA*; los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA; los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA, LIECHTENSTEIN; al igual que la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA se suman a esta declaración.

*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.