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EU statement on Freedom of the Media in Azerbaijan

The European Union has taken due note of the European Court of Human Rights' judgment of April 22nd regarding the application of the journalist Eynulla Fatullayev against Azerbaijan. In its ruling, the European Court of Human Rights concluded that Azerbaijan violated the European Convention on Human Rights, in the case of Mr Fatullayev. In this context, the European Union refers to its respective recent statements delivered in the Permanent Council on 10 February and 25 March, 2010.

Supporting the statement of the OSCE Representative on the Freedom of the Media issued on 22 April 2010, the European Union calls on Azerbaijan to fully honour the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights and to immediately release Mr. Fatullayev. Furthermore, the European Union expects Azerbaijan to conduct the examination of the additional charges brought up against Mr. Fatullayev in December 2009 in full compliance with international legal standards.

The EU reiterates its support for further political and legal reforms in Azerbaijan aimed at increased convergence with the values

and principles promoted both by the OSCE and the EU as well as the Council of Europe, and stands ready to assist the Azerbaijani authorities in their endeavours in this regard, also in the framework of the Eastern Partnership.

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 y NORUEGA se suman a esta declaración.

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