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EU statement on the request of the Belarusian authorities that the EU Head of Delegation and Polish Ambassador to Minsk leave the country

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the request of the Belarusian authorities that the EU Head of Delegation and Polish Ambassador to Minsk leave the country, issued on 28 February 2012 in Brussels:

“Following today’s request by the Belarusian authorities that the Head of the EU Delegation in Minsk and the Ambassador of Poland to Belarus leave the country, I have decided, in coordination with Foreign Minister Sikorski, that we will recall for consultations our two ambassadors.

At the same time, I have called a meeting of Member States Ambassadors (PSC) in Brussels today to coordinate our response. In an expression of solidarity and unity, it was agreed that the ambassadors of the EU Member States in Minsk will all be withdrawn for consultations to their capitals. All EU Member States will also summon Belarusian ambassadors to their foreign ministries.

We will continue to follow the situation closely.”