



EUROPEAN UNION

**OSCE Permanent Council No 1110
Vienna, 21 July 2016**

EU Statement on the killing of Pavlo Sheremet

The European Union expresses its condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the journalist Pavlo Sheremet, who was killed in the heart of Kyiv yesterday morning. Such attacks are unacceptable and a swift and transparent investigation must be carried out to bring those responsible for this crime to justice.

The European Union stands alongside the Ukrainian authorities in upholding the freedoms of expression and of the media, and will continue to work to protect journalists in their essential, professional work.

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, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO 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.