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**EU Statement on the release from prison of Azerbaijani
activist Arif Yunus**

The decision by the Baku Court of Appeals to transfer peace activist and historian Arif Yunus from prison to release on bail with restrictions on his movements is a welcome and positive humanitarian gesture; we hope that further steps will follow. The European Union is ready to further deepen and broaden our dialogue and co-operation with Azerbaijan.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.