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**EU Statement on the amendments to the constitution of the  
Republic of Tajikistan**

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We thank the distinguished Ambassador of Tajikistan for drawing our attention to last Sunday's referendum on amendments to the constitution of the Republic of Tajikistan.

We reserve the right to return to this issue in a future meeting, but take this opportunity to note our concerns at the implications of the referendum for the future of political pluralism in Tajikistan.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, SERBIA\* and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

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