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**STATEMENT BY
THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 1013th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF
THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

Vienna, 14 August 2014

On Nagorno-Karabakh

The European Union fully supports the joint statement of 2 August by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group. We recall the statement made to this effect on 3 August by the spokesperson of the High Representative Catherine Ashton:

“We are very concerned by the latest armed incidents which caused a number of casualties along the Line of Contact and the Armenian-Azerbaijani State border in recent days.

We call on both sides to immediately respect the ceasefire, refrain from the use of force or any threat thereof, and continue efforts towards a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

The EU recalls that it stands ready to engage in renewed efforts towards a political settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and to further contribute to peace-building efforts, in full complementarity with the OSCE Minsk Group.

We reiterate our full support to the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group and the work of the three Co-Chairs, especially with regard to the need to continue negotiations at the highest level, as was agreed at the meeting between Presidents Sargsyan and Aliyev in Vienna on 19 November 2013.”

In that context, we appreciate the affirmation by the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan, who met with the Russian President in Sochi on 9 August, of their desire to continue dialogue and resolve this conflict by exclusively peaceful means.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Iceland², Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina, the members of the European Free

1 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

2 Iceland continues to be a member of the European Free Trade Association and the European Economic Area.

Trade Association and European Economic Area Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as San Marino, align themselves with this statement.